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Tehran wants restrictions on pilgrims to be removed

Iran to boycott hajj this year

TOKYO, June 15, (Agencies): A senior Iranian official was quoted today as saying Iran will send no pilgrims to Makkah this year.

Mehdi Karroubi, Vice-President of Iran's National Assembly, made the statement in an interview with the Tehran Times, Japan's Asahi Shimbun newspaper said in a Tehran-dated dispatch.

Iranians will not take part in the annual pilgrimage to the Muslim holy city in July, Asahi quoted Karroubi as saying.

Permit

It said Karroubi accused the Saudi Arabian government of limiting the number of Iranian pilgrims to 45,000 and banning them from demonstrating against the United States while in Makkah.

Hossein Amimian, the Iranian embassy's press attaché in Tokyo, said in an interview that Iran has asked Saudi Arabia to permit 150,000 Iranian pilgrims to go into Makkah this year, if the request is not met, Iran



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will not send any pilgrims this year."

Karroubi also made a radio announcement about the boycott of hajj this year.

Last year, 402 people died in clashes between Iranian pilgrims and Saudi security forces.

To prevent a recurrence of last year's riots, Saudi Arabia has set quotas for the number of pilgrims it will admit this year from other Muslim countries - 1,000 pilgrims for every million people. This meant a quota of 45,000 for

Iran.

Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef has been reported to have said that whether Iran needs this decision or not the kingdom will not receive more than 45,000 Iranian pilgrims this year.

The Saudis said they will impose stringent security measures to ensure peace during hajj this year.

Nayef said last month that any political demonstrations during hajj would be met with force.

Security

Nayef said: "Measures have been in force for preserving security and the pilgrimage. As a result of the current circumstances, the measures will be even more strict."

During a visit to Cairo in May, Nayef said that Muslims should use politics to serve the religion and not vice versa.

Affirming that any act that divides Muslims and infringes upon their security is unacceptable to Islam, he said, Iranian leaders were responsible for the rioting last year during the hajj.

He said such conduct offends Muslims and desecrates the sanctity of the holy shrines.

He warned that he will not allow any conduct that exceeds the hajj rituals or to use the holy season to serve any regime or person.

Saudi Arabia broke off diplomatic relations with Iran in April because of what it called hostile practices, including the ransacking of the Saudi embassy in Tehran and killing of a diplomat after the Makkah riots last July.

Prince Nayef has been reported as saying that the severance of ties has got nothing to do with hajj.

Iran asked Turkey to represent its interests in Saudi Arabia after relations were broken, but Riyadh so far has not agreed.

Diplomatic sources in Saudi Arabia said last week the Saudi Foreign Ministry had told the Turkish government that no decision would be made on the matter until after the pilgrimage.

The sources said Riyadh had not approached any country to look after its interests in Iran.

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Minimum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 30°C 86°F
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Zia imposes Islamic law

ISLAMABAD, June 15, (Reuters): Pakistani President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq decreed that sharia, the Islamic legal code, would be the supreme law in Pakistan.

"All future law-making at the federal and provincial levels must conform to sharia," he said in a televised address. "Sharia will also guide every government policy."

He said he had issued an ordinance empowering superior courts to strike down existing laws which conflict with Islamic law.

Pakistan's caretaker cabinet earlier approved a decree enforcing Islamic law.

Dismissed

No details were revealed but Religious Affairs Minister Wasi Mazhar Nadivi said in an interview published today that new religious courts would be set up throughout the country.

Zia dismissed civilian Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Juenjo on May 29 and said Junjo, whom he appointed after ending martial law in 1985, failed to further Islamisation, including the imposition of sharia.

The President also dismissed the lower house of Parliament and the four provincial assemblies.

Zia said he would order new elections within 90 days as required by the constitution.

Some opposition leaders met in the Punjab provincial capital Lahore today to discuss how to press Zia to hold free elections

within the 90-day period which ends on Aug. 26, opposition sources said.

But the main opposition Pakistan People's Party (PPP) led by Benazir Bhutto did not attend the meeting because it was held outside the opposition alliance, the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD).

Allowed

The government statement said the cabinet "clarified that the elections will be held under the relevant provisions of the constitution and would be on a party basis."

But it did not specifically say all political parties would be allowed to participate.

Political parties were barred from the first elections Zia held in 1985 under martial law. At present parties not registered with the government's election commission are barred from elections.

The PPP and other eight MRD parties have refused to be registered. The supreme court has withheld a judgement since February on a petition by Benazir challenging the registration law.

Zia using martial law powers imposed Islamic punishments, including stoning, amputations and flogging, and introduced interest-free banking. But these measures have failed to satisfy hardline fundamentalists.

About 96 per cent of Pakistan's population of more than 100 million are Muslims.

Paris keeps hostage deal promise

PARIS, June 15, (Agencies): France, fulfilling a pledge made in a deal for the release of the last three French hostages in Lebanon, announced it will re-establish diplomatic relations with Iran tomorrow, 11 months after breaking ties.

France is Iraq's biggest Western arms supplier. The decision to resume relations at the highest level follows years of stormy relations. The final break came July 17 after Iranian embassy employee Wahid Gordji refused to turn himself in for questioning about the September 1986 Paris bomb wave.

It also comes as Iran moves to break out of its diplomatic isol-



Awad

Shamir made me a hero: Awad

NEW YORK, June 15, (Reuters): Palestinian-American activist Mubarak Awad said that Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir made him an international hero by deporting him from Israel.

Awad, known as the "Palestinian Gandhi," also repeated at a news conference he might convert to Judaism to get back into Israel.

Awad said that the Israeli government, especially Shamir, "has made me a hero."

"He's the one who made the Palestinians feel that if Mubarak Awad says something, he says something important, so lots of Palestinians took what I said very seriously, not because they believe it or not, but because Shamir came so strongly against me, he made me a hero all around the world."

Awad, 44, a naturalised American, was deported from Israel on Monday and arrived that night in New York. The Israelis accuse him of being one of the architects of the Palestinian uprising on the West Bank.

Strike in occupied areas

Palestinians shut down businesses

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 15, (AP): Arabs closed down the occupied territories today in solidarity with thousands of jailed Palestinians and troops reportedly killed a young Arab man who was blocking a road to make sure workers stayed home from their jobs.

The Army lashed back for the daylong strike, ordering 16 Arab-owned bus companies off the streets for a week and closing schools for two days.

The commercial shutdown was dictated by the PLO in an underground leaflet that was widely distributed despite Israeli efforts to censure it.

Closure

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The uprising will continue because it is the key to our future," said deposed Nablus Mayor Bassam Shakaa, who lost his legs in a 1982 attack by Jewish terrorists.

Leaders of Israel's tourism industry held an emergency meeting today with Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir to seek

help for a 40 per cent decline in visitors to Israel this year stemming from the Arab unrest.

Today's fatality occurred in Battir, about five miles (eight kilometres) northwest of the biblical city of Bethlehem, where 40 youths had blocked a road with boulders and overturned trash barrels to make sure Arab workers participated in the strike, said villager Ribhi Musatafa.

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releases and said ties could now be restored.

Two weeks later, Mitterrand ordered the process set in motion.

"France will keep its word," said Michel Rocard, Socialist Premier in the new government.

Rocard said his government found no written record of the deal to free the hostages but that "France gave its word. It will be kept... for that which is known."

French and Iranian emissaries met in Geneva to work out what the Foreign Ministry spokesman said were "technical details and a timetable," implying that essential issues had been dealt with previously.

As conditions for re-establishing ties, Iran demanded France repay a \$1 billion loan plus interest made by the former mon-

archy for a nuclear reprocessing plant, stop harbouring dissident Iranians and remain neutral in the Iran-Iraq war.

New Zealand

● In Wellington, the government said that Iran is to open an embassy in Wellington.

Associate Foreign Minister Fran Wilde said today in a brief statement that an Iranian delegation would arrive in Wellington this week to begin making arrangements for the mission.

Iran already has an ambassador accredited to New Zealand but based in Australia. New Zealand has long had an embassy in Tehran. The families of the five diplomats there have returned home because of Iraqi missile attacks in the Gulf war with Iran.

Tokyo stocks close at a record high

TOKYO, June 15, (Reuters): Tokyo share prices ended today at a record close, but off early peaks as the market failed to sustain initial momentum from a news of a hefty fall in the United States' trade deficit for April.

The Nikkei index closed up 31.72 points, or 0.11 per cent, at 28,093.52, after touching an intra-day record of 28,294.06 in mid-morning. (See Page 14)

European soccer

HANOVER, June 15, (Reuters): Ireland and the Soviet Union drew 1-1 (halftime 1-0) in their European Soccer Championship group two today.

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INTERNATIONAL

Soviet government asked to hand over Nagorno Karabakh

Armenia challenges Kremlin

MOSCOW, June 15. (UPI): Armenia's parliament voted today to ask the Soviet government to hand over a disputed enclave, and troops moved in to protect Armenians in Azerbaijan's capital, Baku, Soviet officials said.

The Armenian Supreme Soviet's call for redrawing the border by giving it the disputed Nagorno Karabakh region directly challenges the Kremlin. A yes decision by Moscow could unleash Azeri rage.

An official at the newspaper Kommunist in Yerevan, capital of Armenia, said its Supreme Soviet voted after an all day session to ask Moscow for control of Nagorno Karabakh and its 80

per cent Armenian population. He indicated that demonstrations were continuing on the theatre square in Yerevan and "about four people are on a hunger strike" but added they would probably end the fast now because of the Armenian vote in the Supreme Soviet.

In Moscow, several hundred Armenians applauded and raised clenched fists as Tiran Gureghian, representative of the Armenian church in Moscow, told them of the government's decision.

Finished

Gureghian, speaking from the steps of the red-brick Goryun Nahabedian church, told the group: "The session has finished

its work. It voted unanimously to appeal for the annexation of Nagorno Karabakh by Armenia."

Azerbaijan's Supreme Soviet already had voted on Monday to reject the demand by Nagorno Karabakh because it would be contrary to the interests of the Azerbaijani and Armenian populations of the republic.

The issue appeared headed for consideration by the central government's Supreme Soviet in Moscow, which the Soviet constitution says must resolve territorial disputes between the nation's 15 republics.

Moscow Communist Party officials rejected the annexation demand in February, touching

off a wave of ethnic violence and strikes in the two southern republics.

To prevent any repetition of ethnic massacres, Soviet troops on Monday sealed off the Armenian districts of the Azerbaijani capital of Baku, and militias took up positions inside the Armenian quarters, officials said. Of Baku's 1.6 million people, one third — or half a million are Armenians.

"On the evening of June 13, soldiers closed the roads leading to the regions of Baku, where Armenians live," the weekly Moscow News said. "Reinforced militia units patrolled the streets."

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Ex-officer of Indian Navy arrested in spy case

BOMBAY, June 15. (AP): A retired Indian Navy officer was arrested while trying to smuggle classified papers onto a New York-bound flight, police said today.

The Indian Express newspaper said the papers involved India's top-secret efforts to produce a nuclear-powered submarine, a project that reportedly was shelved when India leased a nuclear-powered submarine from the Soviet Union.

Bombay police commissioner V.K. Saras declined to give any details of the documents, but he said the former officer was arrested May 30 at Bombay's Sahar international airport.

The Indian Express identified the officer as retired Capt. B.K. Subba Rao. Bombay police sources confirmed his surname was Subba Rao but said they were unsure of his rank and first name.

Subba Rao appeared in a Bombay court Tuesday and was remanded to police custody for 14 days under the Official Secrets Act, the police sources said.

Under the Indian judicial system, suspects can be held without charge pending the completion of investigations.

The sources declined to give any details of the proceedings. The interim hearing was not open to the public, and court windows were sealed while Subba Rao was in the room.

None of the sources gave any indication of the intended recipients of the documents.

The Indian Express said Subba Rao had been closely associated with the submarine project from its start in the 1970s.

Failing to persuade the Indian government to go ahead with plans to make its own nuclear-powered submarine, Subba Rao sought to sell the plans to a foreign country, the Indian Express said.



V.P. Singh (right) shares a joke with an old villager during his campaign for a by-election in Alisabed. (Reuter wirephoto)

Campaigning ends for 7 by-elections

Rajiv party 'may rig' polls

NEW DELHI, June 15. (UPI): Campaigning for seven lower house of parliament and 11 state assembly seats ended last night, with opposition leaders claiming Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's party may rig the most critical contest.

Close to 10 million voters are eligible to cast ballots in Thursday's elections. Interest has focused on lower house — Lok Sabha — seats vacated by deaths or resignations.

The results will not affect the huge majority the ruling Congress (I) party has held in the Lok Sabha since Rajiv led it to a landslide victory in December 1984.

But political analysts say the races could give an indication of voting trends in advance of general elections that must be held before the end of 1989.

Several weeks of hectic campaigning, marred by violence that claimed at least two lives, ended on Tuesday to allow a cooling-off period before Thursday's voting. Thousands of security personnel were being deployed to protect polling booths.

Most of the seven Lok Sabha and 11 state assembly elections are in traditional Congress (I) party strongholds. The usually fragmented opposition has put aside squabbles to back consensus candidates in a bid to a symbolic blow to Rajiv.

Referendum

The opposition has attempted to portray the elections as a referendum on Rajiv's economic policies and allegations of corruption in major defence contracts.

The outcomes will determine the political futures of several senior ruling party members as well as former Finance Minister V.P. Singh, the only opposition figure considered capable of leading a serious general election

challenge to Rajiv.

Singh, backed by major opposition parties, is running the most crucial contest. He opposes Congress (I) party nominee Sunil Shastri, son of former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri, for the Lok Sabha seat from Allahabad.

Haryana Chief Minister Devi Lal, whose Lok Dal (B) party crushed the Congress (I) party in state assembly elections last year, said the only way Singh could lose would be through fraud.

The Press Trust of India quoted him as saying if that happens the opposition "will not rest until the corrupt persons now at the helm of the country's affairs are completely routed from political power."

Singh was expelled from the Congress (I) party last July after airing allegations of government corruption and has relentlessly attacked the Prime Minister's honesty and policies.

Afghan Air Force chief reported killed

ISLAMABAD, June 15. (UPI): Thirty Muslim guerrillas have died in the past few days of fighting over a key Afghan border post, it was reported today amid conflicting claims that the country's Air Force chief had been killed.

Spokesmen for the insurgents said in news releases that Soviet and Afghan civilian casualties have been high in battles for Spin Buldak, just inside the border near Pakistan, and in Kandahar, 66 miles (100 kms) to the northwest.

But while admitting their own losses, they said they had no figures on their opponents' casualties.

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Hotline 10

Seoul fears surprise attack

N. Korea massing troops

SEOUL, June 15. (Reuters): North Korea has massed troops near the border with South Korea and could launch a surprise attack on Seoul, South Korea's Defence Ministry said today.

In an unprecedented security briefing for opposition leaders, the ministry said: "North Korea is maintaining a military posture under which a surprise attack is possible at any time without redeploying combat forces."

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briefing session, agreed last week with US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci that the period from now until after September's Olympics would be particularly important for the security of the peninsula.

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Important

The students have also called for the withdrawal of 41,000 US troops stationed in South Korea.

Defence Minister Oh Ja-Bok

says the Americans are vital to offset North Korea's two-to-one numerical advantage in troops.

Oh said North Korea had a total of 96,000 irregular commando forces, including 53,000 infiltrators who could be sent to the south by air,

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The briefing took place after a wave of violent protests by radical Southern students calling for reunification of the Korean peninsula.

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Protests

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Carlucci told the South Koreans after two days of talks with Oh in Seoul that US forces would operate actively around the peninsula before and during the Games.

Strength

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Sung's reported promises that Pyongyang will not take action against the Games.

South Korea has previously been reticent about sensitive security information. But Roh ordered military chiefs earlier this year to allow the opposition access to information as part of his democratic reform programme.

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Mubarak invited to Memphis

CAIRO, June 15. (AP): The mayor of Memphis, Tennessee, invited President Hosni Mubarak today to the inauguration of a pyramid the US city is building to honour the Giza pyramids near the original Memphis, Egypt's ancient capital.

Richard Hackett told reporters after a meeting that Mubarak was "very encouraging to our project," which emphasizes Memphis' status as sister city to Memphis, the modern town.

Following the meeting, the Middle East News Agency quoted Hackett as saying he "believed" Mubarak had accepted his invitation to attend the inauguration, scheduled for 1990 or 1991.

Hackett said the Memphis pyramid, costing \$55 million, will be two-thirds the size of the second of the three Giza pyramids, built for the Pharaoh Khephren.

Half of UN members violate rights

LONDON: June 15. (Reuters): More than half the members of the United Nations are holding some of their citizens in jail in violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Amnesty International said today.

The fact that 85 governments have detainees whom we are investigating or trying to free as prisoners of conscience makes a mockery of official promises of human rights," Amnesty said in a special report to mark the declaration's 40th anniversary.

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Child kidnappers demand \$3m ransom

BEIRUT, June 15. (AP): Kidnappers holding the three children of a wealthy Lebanese businessman have demanded a \$3 million ransom, police said today.

A police spokesman said Zuhair Ariss received a call from the kidnappers last night demanding \$3 million for the release of his daughter and two sons.

Six gunmen armed with silent-equipment pistols abducted Ariss' 14-year-old daughter, Dina, and two sons, Samer, 9, and Ramzi, 5, as they were being driven to school by their family car on Tuesday.

Identity

The gunmen shot the driver in the legs before taking the children away.

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They said it may have been June 6 when guerrillas reportedly shot down two helicopters near the city and attacked ground positions.

However, official Afghan news media have reported that Sarwari died of natural causes.

Guerrilla leaders said they are concentrating on the two areas of southeastern Afghanistan in order to open new and supply routes for their march toward Kabul.

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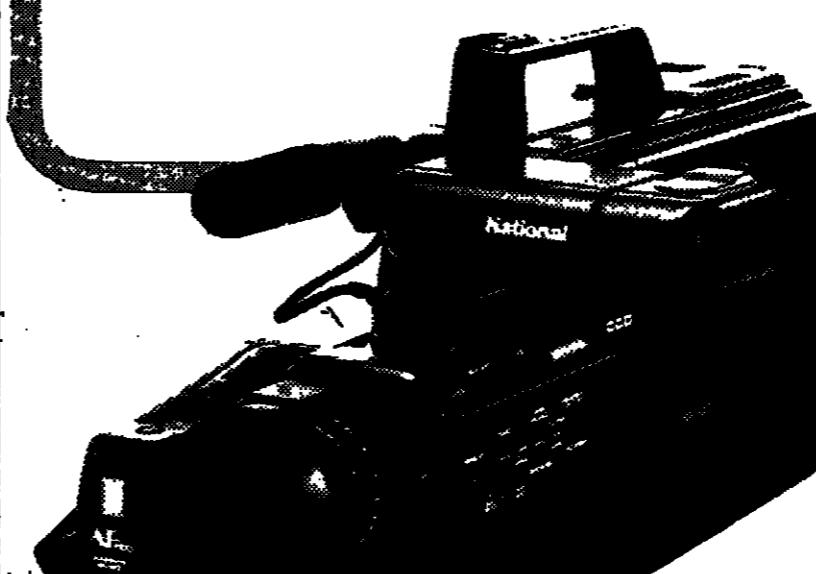
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Plan to develop awareness on co-operatives among Arabs

THE secretary-general of the Arab Co-operative Union Qasim Sharida said the recent Arab Co-operative Conference held in Kuwait adopted several resolutions to develop co-operative awareness among Arab people. He commented that present informational activities of the Arab co-operative movement did not reflect a true picture of the movement, but reflected views of certain persons working. He added, the co-operative movement in Kuwait, Iraq, Egypt and Gulf states was strong and should be developed on modern techniques. He added, that the secretariat of the Arab Co-operative Union appointed a committee to carry out the recommendations resulting from the conference recently held in Kuwait.

Sharida pointed out that customs procedures are the main obstacles facing easy transportation of Arab products from one Arab country to another. He called for support of national products by facilitating their transportation. He queried as to why foreign products obtained better facilities in Arab countries as opposed to Arab produce. The Arab Co-operative Union, he disclosed, had continually called on Arab governments to establish an Arab Common Market under the supervision of the Arab League. He claimed that some Arab products were being re-exported to Arab countries with foreign brands and called on Arab countries to protect national products from foreign competition.

Expanded

As an Iraqi co-operative official, Sharida said the Iraqi co-operative movement had expanded its activities and services during the present war. These activities included the housing services beside establishing co-operative societies. He disclosed, the Iraqi government had granted a 50 million Iraqi dinar loan

to the housing co-operative sector to provide suitable homes for Iraqi citizens.

He said approximately 500,000 co-operative families were members in the Iraqi co-operative movement. He added, every family consisted of five members — which meant the number of members of the movement was about 2.5 million. The Iraqi co-operative movement also began establishing a society to market vegetables and fruits and another society was entrusted with the export products of Iraqi co-operative sector to the Arab countries.

He added that there are 122 co-operative societies in Iraq including 20 co-operative supermarkets built according to international specifications.

Al Sharida concluded by praising the co-operative movement in Kuwait, but, added that Kuwaiti co-operative societies should exert more efforts towards meeting the basic needs of the citizens.

Sheikh Salem receives sports officials

THE Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah yesterday received at his office the chairman and board of directors of the Police Sports Union accompanied by the Ministry of Interior's football team that won for the first time the ministries and government institutions tournament.

The minister congratulated the union and the team and wished them every success in the future events.

Iraqi envoy

BOARD chairman and director-general of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources, Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij yesterday received the Iraqi Ambassador to Kuwait Assem Yagoub Yousef.

Co-operation in the agricultural field was discussed in the meeting.

Arab League warns of widening credibility gap

UNITED NATIONS, June 15. (KUNA) The Arab League warned yesterday of a "widening credibility gap" resulting from the Security Council's inability to implement Security Council resolution 598.

Since the decision was adopted unanimously on July 20, 1987, "no follow-up resolution has been adopted and an arms embargo on the non-compliant party is not yet in place," the League's permanent observer Clovis Maksoud said in the General Assembly's special session on disarmament.

Maksoud's statement wrapped up a seven-day general debate in the 159-member body which now resumes its work in committee to work out a final document.

"The credibility gap is widening and the scope of operations

has been widened against other Arab states in the Gulf," Maksoud said.

Maksoud's comments echoed similar statements made earlier in the day by Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz who warned the assembly of the "ominous departures from the charter and Security Council resolutions."

He said the Arabs were committed to maximise the effectiveness of the United Nations and have reaffirmed this desire in the resolutions of the Arab League summit.

These resolutions, he said, asserted the urgent need to implement resolution 598, calling for an immediate cease-fire in the Iraq-Iran war, and called upon the UN to convene an international conference to bring about a comprehensive settlement.

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A number of scouts from Qadsya Sports Club recently paid a visit to the Science Club. They were received by the deputy public relations director, Hussain Al Mulla, who explained the aims and activities of the club and showed them the different sections and workshops there. The scouts are seen on their visit to the Science Club.

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Ministry to honour outstanding students

THE assistant undersecretary for educational services at the Education Ministry Fiddah Al Khaled said the ministry would hold its annual ceremony to honour outstanding students of the secondary education next Tuesday on June 21. The ceremony would be held under the auspices of the Minister of Education and acting Minister of Higher Education Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri.

Al Khaled said the celebrations mark the coronation of the highest form of cooperation between school and home, reflecting a top-level concern for youths and the building of a sound generation characterised by its strong ties with Islam and original Arab values. These come about in response to directives of HH the Amir to accord the utmost care and attention to youths and guidance towards the path of success. Al Khaled concluded by calling on all students with high scores to collect their invitation cards from the technical follow-up office.

Over KD1m spent on subsidy

A RESPONSIBLE source at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has said that the state spent KD 1,210,327 last April on subsidised materials. KD 472,976 was spent on items that are distributed by the ration card (rice, sugar, milk powder, fat and garbage sacks); KD 77,545 on children's food, milk and tea; KD 511,545 on local fresh milk; KD 47,074 on flour sold to bakeries; KD 2,375 on fodder; KD 287,481 on construction materials; KD 4,270 on rents of co-operative society stores and KD 5,467 on the transportation of Failaka Co-operative Society commodities.

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Desalination of sea water

Reverse osmosis plants opened



Rqobah (right) opened the reverse osmosis water desalination plants yesterday

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Homoud Al Rqobah yesterday opened the second and third units of water desalination which utilise the reverse osmosis process. The units are designed for a 60 per cent desalination of sea water.

Each unit is designed to yield 250 thousand imperial gallons of desalinated water per day. The first unit was established in Sulaibikhat area, the second to the one opened yesterday. Such units will be built after a thorough evaluation.

The minister accompanied by other ministers and government officials inspected the plant.

President Momoh to visit Kuwait

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone, June 15. (AP) President Momoh was scheduled to leave today on a state visit to Kuwait that is his first long trip out of Sierra Leone in 16 months since said.

Momoh is to fly via London and is expected to be in Kuwait June 16-20 on a visit at the invitation of HH the Amir of Kuwait.

A member of the delegation said Momoh will be accompanied by Foreign Affairs Minister Abdul Karim Koroma, Mines Minister Birch Conteh and A. K. Turay and the Minister of State for Presidential Affairs.

Diamonds

The aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Momoh hopes to "tie up the loose ends" on arrangements for the Gulf state to finance its West African nation's plans to increase diamond production, a hydroelectric project and a 70-kilometre (44-mile) road alongside part of the Atlantic Ocean coastline.

Diamonds are Sierra Leone's chief export and account for 40 per cent of the country's foreign

exchange earnings. These have fallen in recent years because of depleted diamond reserves, illegal digging and smuggling. The government wants to boost output by developing an under-exploited mine.

Sierra Leone's diamond production by 1991 and a further \$40 million after that.

The government hopes increased diamond production will help fund the Bumbuna hydroelectric project, which Momoh considers the only alternative energy-source to oil imports that make up 22 per cent of all imports.

Italy has promised more than \$100 million for the project and engineers expect to begin building by year's end.

From Kuwait, Momoh flies to Lome, Togo, for a summit of the Economic Community of West African States scheduled June 23-25.

It will be his longest trip out of Sierra Leone in 16 months, during which he has made only day visits across the border to neighbouring Guinea.

Soviet envoy ends Baghdad visit

BAGHDAD, June 15. (KUNA): A special envoy of the Soviet leader, Mikhail Steinbock, left here today after visiting Iraq for several days.

According to the Iraq News Agency INA, the Soviet emissary delivered a message to President Saddam Hussein from the Soviet

leadership during his stay here.

The message dealt with the US-Soviet summit which took place recently in Moscow and was followed by agreements between the two superpowers on nuclear disarmament and regional disputes, the agency report said.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Need for unified Arab stance stressed

A KUWAITI daily yesterday stressed the necessity of adopting a unified Arab stance towards the common threats in order to fulfil a positive spirit of co-operation.

Al Rai Al Aam noted that the Algiers extraordinary Arab summit left some issues suspended, including the Iraq-Iran war, the Lebanese problem and the return of Egypt to the Arab fold.

It said that if these problems were to remain unsolved, Israel would take advantage of the contradictions within the Arab ranks.

Furthermore, the paper said that an effective and comprehensive Arab step is required to go side by side with the Palestinian upheaval to guarantee its continuation.

Pointing out that Iran has repeatedly rejected peace calls, Al Rai Al Aam said that Israel is continuing to plant mines in the avenue of a peaceful settlement to the Middle East problem.

Iran urged to accept peace

ANOTHER Kuwaiti newspaper Al Watan yesterday said it is better for Iran to accept peace and to force the repeated defeats in the war fronts by learning a lesson that continuing the war against Iraq will lead to further setbacks.

In a front page editorial, the paper said that Iran is mistaken to think even for one minute that it can one day win the war as regional and international factors will never help her to reach a victory.

"The war will end only by accepting peace," the paper said, noting that the "human waves of Iranian youths who lose their lives daily will only further complicate the situation."

Referring to the recent appointment of a new armed forces commander in Iran, the paper noted that appointing Hashemi Rafsanjani as a general commander of the armed forces will not help Iran, and Rafsanjani cannot lead weak forces in facing the Iraqis.

Pointing to the recent victory of Iraq in recapturing Faw and Salamchah sectors, Al Watan said that such Iranian losses mean that religious and anti-imperialists slogans, are useless in this regard.

In conclusion, the paper hailed Iraq's ability in defending its territories saying that if proved that if the current situation remains as it is the Iranian leadership will be in real trouble.

Summit resolutions lauded

AKWANT weekly magazine yesterday lauded the resolutions of the extraordinary Arab summit conference which concluded in Algiers last Thursday and called for implementing these resolutions.

Al-Tali'a magazine said the Algiers resolutions have come to realise the minimum, that is supporting the uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The magazine pointed out that the popular uprising has suffocated all voices which call for "humiliating co-existence with the Zionist enemy," and the attempts aiming at obscuring the cause of the Palestinian people and its legitimate rights to a homeland and an independent state under the PLO's leadership.

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KUWAIT ... GULF

Breed cattle, urges Al Sultan

Call to restrict import of live animals

By Fathima Ahmed

THE Director of Kuwait's Animal Health Division, Dr Al Sultan Ahmed Al Sultan, has called for stringent controls on imports of live animals as an effective way to prevent the outbreak of such diseases as foot and mouth disease among cattle.

Meanwhile, the government has introduced a law to encourage veterinarians to open private clinics to care for pets like dogs, cats and birds. Till now veterinary hospitals have been run by the government.

Al Sultan, recently involved in containing the foot and mouth disease which spread among cattle on six Sulabiya farms, said: "It is impossible, and not easy, to control the spread of disease when new cattle are constantly imported into the country."

Incentives

"There is a need to decrease import of animals and encourage breeding on local farms," he said.

He admits that it is impossible to stop total imports but advocates incentives to start breeding, to acclimatise cattle, increasing their resistance to harsh weather conditions in Kuwait.

Efforts to breed cattle here have been unsuccessful, mainly because they are not cost effective. "In the long term, breeding would be successful, and cost effective, because cattle bred here would be immune to climatic changes," said Al Sultan.

Disease

About 90 per cent of the total cattle in the country have been imported from abroad including China, Turkey, Australia and Europe. There are 130,000 cattle on 32 farms around Kuwait.



Al Sultan: animal care

The foot and mouth disease, which hit cattle in Kuwait in May, was a variant of one of seven virus strains that afflict cattle. In May's outbreak, about 180 cows died and 500 were infected, Al Sultan said.

Reportedly about 120 head of cattle were destroyed by the division, but Al Sultan parried questions saying: "We could not destroy the infected animals because of the close proximity of farms." Destruction of cattle, he said, would mean killing all the cows, which would result in monetary losses running into millions of dinars.

Prevent

He said recent reports of death of over 500 cows were exaggerated. The morbidity rate — the rate of infection among cattle — was about 500; deaths were only 180, he said.

A similar outbreak occurred in 1987, killing 400 cows.

The recent outbreak was rapidly brought under control,

through quarantine, vaccinating unaffected cattle and other methods.

The question now is to prevent another outbreak. Al Sultan takes a very pragmatic view of the situation saying: "This disease cannot be eradicated because we feel that the disease, like cattle, is being imported."

So, the best hope is to "try to prevent" it from recurring in the best way we can.

Eradicated

The disease has been eradicated in the US and some European countries "mainly because they don't allow live animal imports," Al Sultan explained.

Kuwait's Animal Health Division has devised a plan to have "some control" over the disease. After the disease is brought under control, it remains dormant, with a possibility of reappearing at a later date. To detect such occurrences, they hope to provide regular and careful monitoring, vaccinating cows against the disease three times a year, conduct frequent lab tests of blood serum to see if the disease is recurring in animals.

The division, however, has been successful in eradicating the dreaded disease called brucellosis (disease of the blood) affecting cows, sheep and goats. Brucellosis, widespread in Kuwait a few years ago, also affected human beings, particularly pregnant women and children, causing undulant fever.

Safe

Some 300,000 sheep and goats were vaccinated systematically in the campaign to control brucellosis.

Milk produced on local dairy farms is "completely safe" for

human consumption, said Al Sultan, setting to rest fears that locally produced dairy milk was contaminated.

However, he recommended taking pasteurised milk, or boiling it for 10-15 minutes before consumption.

The division, under the supervision of a committee, is encouraging vets to open private pet clinics in Kuwait, something which was not allowed by law before 1987. Last year, the government enacted a bill allowing vets to go into private practice "mainly to improve animal health care" in the country.

Improved

The aim of the law, Al Sultan said, is to ask "the private sector to assist us in giving first class health care for animals." Animal care, like human medical care, is absolutely free in Kuwait. Government veterinary clinics provide free vaccination, medicine and health care for pets.

Al Sultan, who is one of the only two Kuwaitis in the veterinary field and has over 12 years experience, said that animal husbandry has improved in the last 10 years.

"Ten years ago, the situation was different. Then, it may have been difficult to control any disease. Today, we are confident of doing our best, given the circumstances," he said.

Farmers are also more aware of the need to improve conditions on farms, both for animal and plant care, and are responding to the division's efforts to educate them. This, says Al Sultan, is a major step toward progress. Yet, stricter import controls, and a long-term policy, would go a long way in consolidating the efforts, he added.

Assistance

He noted that developing nations still face shortages in resources, balance of payments and foreign debts in addition to natural disasters such as drought and desertification which led to further deterioration in food resources and agricultural yield.

The minister underscored that his country contributes within international efforts and joint endeavour in solving development problems of those nations and elaborated that the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development had extended



HH the Amir yesterday received at the Sief Palace the credentials of the new ambassadors of the Vatican (left) and Sierra Leone.



Awadi calls for improving economic conditions of Palestinians

GENEVA, June 15, (KUNA):

Kuwait today proposed a number of measures to limit expenditure of the United Nations Development Programme while calling for improving the Palestinian people's economic condi-

tions.

UNDP

Kuwait Planning Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, addressing the 35th session of UNDP's governors council, paid tribute to the programme as a major factor in promoting international co-operation and development.

Awadi said that Kuwait, while maintaining strong belief in bolstering global co-operation in various spheres of economic and social development, hopes that its efforts will be rewarded through collective co-operation.

First, limiting administrative expenses and ensuring maximum benefit of available resources in extending aid to needy countries, the Kuwaiti official said, adding second, appreciating the financial status of member countries.

Third, reconsidering the UNDP activities and projects for this and coming years through executing programmes with available funds and shelving ambitious ones that could lead to embarrassing financial crisis and possible collapse of international co-operation in this field, Awadi

said.

He also called for

the Palestinian people to be more so than ever before are in need of assistance due to the escalating suppressive measures pursued by the Israeli occupation.

Asking for special attention to national programmes of Arab countries, particularly those less developed, Awadi emphasised the importance of doubling efforts to provide necessary finance for a number of important ventures initiated by the UN Development Programme in the occupied Arab lands.

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

The future destiny of the child is always the work of the mother — Napoleon Bonaparte, French general-statesman (1769-1821).

Spread of AIDS

Third World threatened

By Alver Carlson

WASHINGTON, (Reuter): The spread of AIDS in many Third World countries could threaten the development of their economies, World Bank officials say.

Officials at the bank, which lends money to countries to help meet their basic development needs, are concerned that the virus is hitting the most productive group of people in the poorest countries, making economic advancement more difficult.

"At present, those dying of AIDS in the developing world are largely women in their 20s and men their 30s and 40s — age groups normally associated with high productivity and primary family responsibility," the bank said in a recent publication.

"If large numbers of productive members of society die of AIDS, and similarly large numbers of the next generation are also victims of AIDS, the consequences of national economies and societies as a whole can only be highly negative," the bank added.

Worse

The World Health Organisation (WHO) said 139 countries have reported at least one case of AIDS, with the total now standing at over 91,000, including 4,627 new cases this year.

WHO said, however, that the AIDS crisis is far worse than the reported figures show. It estimated that probably some 500,000 people worldwide are experiencing AIDS symptoms and some five to 10 million are carrying the HIV virus that causes the deadly Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

The World Bank is concerned about how best to allocate limited resources to prevent the spread of AIDS.

"I think the World Bank has a mandate to improve the health of these countries and to facilitate their development and we have to be particularly careful that we don't do more harm if we take resources away from programmes that are saving many lives and put them into a HIV prevention programme," said bank AIDS expert Mead Over.

AIDS is spread through sexual contact, the use of contaminated needles and through the blood supply.

Many AIDS experts, includ-

UNESCO rides out the first storm

By Antony Brock

PARIS, (Reuter): UNESCO's director-general, Federico Mayor of Spain, has come through the first test of his mandate — two weeks of critical examination of his policies by the organisation's Third World-dominated executive board.

But diplomats say he has come to nearer his announced goal of bringing the United States and Britain back to the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation after more than three years of absence.

Washington and London accused UNESCO of waste and anti-Western bias under former chief Amadou Mahatir M'Bow of Senegal. Their departure deprived the organisation of 30 per cent of its budget and plunged it into controversy.

Mayor, who succeeded M'Bow in a bitter contest in November, unveiled his plans to set UNESCO back on a more stable course to the 50-member board at its headquarters in Paris on May 25.

Under financial constraint he pared back projects and suggested a move out of controversial areas by focusing on UNESCO's three "pillars" — education, science and culture.

More sensitive issues, which the West believes have no place in UNESCO, should be dealt with in programmes which are complementary to the agency's main action, the 54-year-old bio-chemist suggested.

Western nations and Japan welcomed Mayor's approach. But he ran into criticism from the Third World, who accused him of trying to skirt controversial issues.

The executive board, which has an inbuilt majority of Third World members, quietly scotched any attempt to sweep sen-

ing those at the World Bank, believe that every person infected in the past has spread the disease to from one to eleven others.

At least half and perhaps all those infected will eventually fall victim to the virus, experts estimate.

Problems

For the desperately poor of Africa AIDS is only one of the many health problems they must face.

Many parts of the continent are overwhelmed by malaria, measles, pneumonia, sickle cell disease, tuberculosis and premature births.

But AIDS differs in three basic ways. It strikes rich and poor alike, is growing at epidemic proportions and has no cure in sight.

In its efforts to deal with the impact of AIDS, the bank has had to look beyond setting up hospitals and other health care facilities.

Uganda has been hit by the AIDS epidemic at a time when its health care system is virtually non-existent and it is impossible to set up a blood screening operation to ensure blood used for transfusions is free of the virus.

World Bank officials say it is difficult to inform people about AIDS when no health education programmes exist.

Help

In such a situation, the bank's role is to help a country build its health system so that WHO can come in and set up education projects and other health care facilities.

Over said the bank is now discussing a loan with Uganda to help build its health system.

A project is underway in Burundi to analyse the implications of AIDS, while two others, in Zaire and Brazil, are in an advanced stage of preparation. A Haiti project is also under study.

Economic problems could exacerbate the spread of AIDS, the bank warned.

The developing world has been experiencing a debt crisis since 1982 that has been primarily concentrated in Latin America and Africa.

"Women have been particularly vulnerable to job loss over the past few years, and many have turned to occasional prostitution to supplement family incomes," the bank said.

Unprofessional review

SIR: Keith Wells' pathetic review of Brigadoon (AT, June 5) is as arrogant and superficial as it is irrelevant and inaccurate, giving no way realistic synopsis of the theme of the play. It does not show the slightest understanding of the considerable acting abilities displayed by the cast.

The reason for the "miracle" which brings the village to life only once in every 100 years has not been mentioned while his comments about the actors themselves show that he has neither a grasp of casting nor acting. The village was never supposed to completely full of "lissome young lasses," the age of the ladies involved in the play accurately reflect the social and family structure of a Scottish village in circa 1746.

Throughout the play both the principal actors sustained their American accents admirably. This was doubly difficult for Clive Jacques who had to sing several unusual songs, a task he accomplished unfalteringly and without reverting once to his "homely" English accent.

The statement that two fine actors changed their accents about three times in every sentence is a total travesty of the truth. The cast included four Scottish actors who obviously spoke and sang in their natural accents. Through the columns of your newspaper he has foisted a badly-written, unprofessional review on your readership.

James Flett,
Salmya.

Valuable contribution

SIR: Keith Wells certainly bids farewell to the local theatre scene with a flourish (AT, June 5). In the company of an almost full house, I and as far as I could ascertain, everyone present enjoyed the KLT production of Brigadoon. We stayed right to the end and joined in the applause through three final curtain calls. It worries me that Wells would, perhaps, consider our collective judgement to be at fault.

There is no doubt that the performers would face problems in obtaining employment on the West End stage, just as Wells is unlikely to have his journalistic abilities recognised in Fleet Street. Nevertheless, it must be recognised that Wells has catered for a local need to the best of his modest ability.

Amateur entertainers have made a valuable contribution to theatre in Kuwait and will continue to enjoy the patronage of the theatre-going public, inspite of Wells' periodic malicious discouragement.

R.O.
(Name and
address supplied)

We enjoyed Keith's articles

SIR: I'd like to say how much we enjoyed Keith Wells' contribution to your newspaper. Although sometimes I might not

and bit too close for comfort, he showed a great understanding of Kuwait and its indiscretions. The Wiz books are a perfect example of this, and I feel, he will actually miss this place. I wish him success in his new life in my native Wales and hope he will reconsider his decision sometime in future and come back to add a touch of much needed humour to the lives of us who are here for life (Inshallah).

Perhaps his wife Suzi will now have the time to try and test the recipes in her cookery book, something she didn't appear to have much time for before. Those of us who wasted time and money trying to impress the in-laws with recipes that just don't work or differ completely with the supposed illustration of it could be given a complimentary revised edition.

E. Haldar,
Ahmed.

Keith will be missed

SIR: This refers to "How to lose friends and influence people" by Keith Wells (AT, May 31).

First, my compliments to Keith for some plain speaking. It was necessary and should have been said before. We certainly don't expect a West End or Broadway production in Kuwait, except, of course, from a visiting troupe. But that doesn't mean that a critic should overlook the faults of an inept production. During my 18 months stay in Kuwait I have seen almost all the English language plays. I feel that Keith has often been less strict and more generous and forgiving in his reviews than he should have been.

Secondly, it is sad to learn that Keith is leaving Kuwait. I for one will certainly miss him — I mean his articles, his reviews and his humour.

Lastly, now I have begun to fathom the rationale behind the pricing policy of the Wiz books.

Saroj K. Datta,
Safat.

Exorbitant charges

SIR: I am a regular reader of "Table Talk" by Dinah. Through this column she exposes the naked truth about hotels, restaurants and teashops which I must say

"pavement cafes". Hotels and restaurants are mushrooming in Kuwait, as Dinah recently said in one of her articles. Clients expect good food at reasonable prices.

A few months ago many Asians welcomed the opening of a restaurant behind the Salhiya Complex (not the one reviewed by Dinah). This restaurant is also like a pavement cafe and provides Far Eastern cuisine. Ninety per cent of its clients are from the Far East who frequent the restaurant to get a taste of spicy food with a flavour of home. But the prices are exorbitant. One has to pay separately for "string hoppers" and "pol sambal", when they should be charged together. Two tablespoons of "coconut powder with chilly chutney costs 120 fils; pitu bread costs 100 fils. Surprisingly, they don't charge for a glass of water, or the paper napkins.

Are these restaurants catering to the public, or trying to bolster their bank accounts? What is the use of serving spicy food when they give high bills?

Anula Edrisihe,
Safat.

Editorials to the point

SIR: Having nearly completed my two-year assignment in Kuwait, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Arab Times for publishing a wide variety of articles and for keeping us in touch with world news.

I enjoyed editorial comments, which are to the point and bring key subjects to the attention of leaders of Kuwait. I wish to mention two other areas that require attention.

First, the seat belts in automobiles are not used properly. Also, everyday we observe that hundreds of children stand in moving automobiles, and many sit in the lap of the driver. These are indeed hazardous practices. In Europe and in many of the US states, children must ride in the back seat and have their belts fastened. I suggest that a similar law be enacted and enforced in Kuwait.

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Ignoring the patient

SIR: Having gone with my wife to the Hadi Clinic to visit the dentist to get relief from a severe toothache which had started midway during a cavity filling procedure, we were informed of the dentist's illness and asked to come the next day.

The same story was repeated on the two subsequent days at which we approached the administrative manager, Moen G.Z. who refused to make any alternate arrangements.

Secondly, I am concerned about the beautification of Kuwait. I know HH the Amir desires to increase the vegetation density in Kuwait. All of us can assist. Many of us now plant shrubs and trees around our villas. I request plants may be allowed to grow.

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Table Talk

BY DINAH

WHILE you're reading this I hope to be sampling breakfast at 35,000 feet on a flight back to Britain. No doubt, chefs and restaurant managers all over Kuwait will toss their hats and menu in the air in relief that Dinah (alias Suzi Wells) has written her last Table Talk. Returning to the culinary backwater of mid-Wales, I'm sure I shall miss the variety and quality of the restaurants in Kuwait. During the year that I've been writing this column I've visited very few restaurants that were really bad and, in fact, there are many that are first class.

In my view, the best restaurant in town at the moment for food, atmosphere, service and value for money is the newly opened Araliya — a Sri

Last supper in Kuwait

Lankan restaurant beside the Salieh Complex. My choice for the best Indian restaurant is the Moghal Mahal, where one can eat a feast for a few dinars. The top Chinese restaurant is the Peacock Room at the SAS with the Jade Garden a close second. My favourite Korean restaurant is in the Carlton Tower Hotel and the best place to go for a choice of either Indian or Chinese food is the Rubiana in Sharq. The best gourmet French meal we ate was at Les Elysees at the Pullman Hotel, but I believe that there has been a change of chefs since then.

My prize for the best chain of restaurants would go to Caesar's for all round dependability and good value. The hotel which offers the best overall value of money, good service and consistently high standards is the Sheraton, with its five restaurants. The best coffee shop buffet in Kuwait is to be found in the Hilton's La Palma, while the Holiday Inn has the best dessert chefs and the Meridien's La Brasserie the highest quality ingredients.

For atmosphere Al Boom (the dhaw restaurant at the SAS) is unique, while for friendliness the Movenpick and Mabohay are hard to beat. For

setting and views the Kuwait Towers is, of course, unparalleled. There are some fine waiters in Kuwait and we rarely received sullen or bad service. The most stylish service was at the Meridien's La Brasserie and the Sheraton's Riccardo while the waiters at the Holiday Inn's coffee shop (not Al Dara) were super-efficient when under pressure.

All of the dishes I sampled many are memorable but there is room to mention only a few that stood out: the crab soup at the Calm Beach in Fahheel; the minced lamb cutlets at the SAS coffee shop; the duck in plum sauce at the Peacock Room; the white chocolate mousse at the Hilton's Faikah; the Meridien's version of bread and butter pudding and the Movenpick's crepe samurai.

Almost everyone can afford to eat out in Kuwait. A three course meal for two can cost as little as KD3 or as much as KD30 while for only 400 fils you can lunch on fresh orange juice and a healthy sandwich of falafel, hummos and salad at one of the numerous Lebanese sandwich bars around town. It's interesting that most of the restaurants I've mentioned above are ones that I find myself returning to again and

again even when the Arab Times isn't paying the bill!

For my last review this week we visited the Tourist restaurant situated near the Plaza Hotel. Simply decorated with red tablecloths and bamboo chairs, the Tourist has a separate section upstairs for families. From a warm greeting upon entering the restaurant, the guest is treated with friendly courtesy and the service is quick and efficient.

The menu offers a range of meat, fish, chicken, vegetables, and rice dishes together with an interesting choice of breads. The waiter was very helpful and patient in explaining what the different dishes consisted of. While we were making our choice we were served with crisp, spicy popadoms and an appetizing dip of mint, yoghurt and pepper. In fact we ordered enough food for three people but were able to take away our left-overs to enjoy the next day.

The most memorable dish was the buttered chicken — a melt-in-the-mouth dream of boneless chicken pieces in a very rich and filling creamy sauce. The dal makhani was also a butter-based dish. A creamy blend of black lentils, it provided a soothing contrast to the much stronger flavour of

the prawn curry — a generous portion of prawns in a sauce of tomatoes and shrimp paste. One of my favourite dishes was the spinach and peas — a puree of spinach with whole peas and shreds of ginger. The vegetable biriani had a pleasant lemon flavour. To accompany the hot dishes we chose onion nan — a rich filling bread which could have made a meal in itself — and fried pita.

For dessert we chose kulfi (Indian ice-cream). With its fine texture, groundnuts and rice dishes together with an interesting choice of breads. The waiter was very helpful and patient in explaining what the different dishes consisted of. While we were making our choice we were served with crisp, spicy popadoms and an appetizing dip of mint, yoghurt and pepper. In fact we ordered enough food for three people but were able to take away our left-overs to enjoy the next day.

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TYPE: Indian
MEAL: Two course
PRICE: KD7.300 (for two)
Star rating (out of five): ★★★★
FOOD: ★★★★
ATMOSPHERE: ★★★★
SERVICE: ★★★★★
VALUE FOR MONEY: ★★★★

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Islamic Arts Museum

THE museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabiya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer hours are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

THEATRE

Sounds Great

Anyone interested in auditions for future Sounds Great shows — singers, dancers or musicians — are requested to contact Ken Winston on 5740256/7 or 5758870.

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CINEMA

British Council
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, a film for children, will be shown at 10.30 am on Thursday. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is an old neglected car. Who could have guessed it has magical qualities? Approx. Duration: 145 minutes.

SOCIAL

Eid Reunion
An Eid Reunion party for Bangladeshi engineers and architects will be held at Messeiah Beach Hotel, Al Amal Hall, at 7 pm on June 23. For details phone 4718517; 4311351; 3713923 after 3 pm.

Oman Drama
The Oman Vizwabharati Theatres, Al Abbasiya, will celebrate Omani on Aug. 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. The programme comprises Omani folkloric

songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazaar Varughese Paradyal + 207. 4314511; Thomas Peregrine 4810490 ext. 207. Verghese Paradyal + 2422973.

D'Assisi Association
The association will hold a social evening cum entertainment on August 11 at Messiah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena + 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry + 3291909/3 am, 3717346 (pm) or Augustine + 5746754 after 6 pm.

Saaz sur Azaz
An Indian music group presents "Geetion Bharat Sham," their second concert, at the IAGC Function Hall, on Thursday June 16. Seats: Reservable. Phone 3985356. For information contact Omid + 2401000.

United Goans Centre
The UGC will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11. The committee will host a gala event to mark the 10th anniversary of UGC.

HOTELS

At the Sheraton

Arab World Specialities are featured in Le Tarbouche Restaurant on Thursday night. Enjoy special lunch and dinner buffets with Lebanese cuisine on Friday in the same restaurant. Nightly dine in the Hunt room with live music by the Trio Paradise. For lunch Hunt room offers a la carte.

At the Continental
The Gardinia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays; the buffet features Indian, Arab and Continental cuisine.

The Darbar offers an Indian buffet — la carte — except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

At the Meridien
Tonight is the last jam session with Tony and Remy in Al Brasserie. Eat to the beat of music and enjoy a buffet featuring a selection of meats, seafood and charcoal grilled specialities.

Versailles is open daily for lunch and dinner featuring Continental cuisine. Business lunch with three choices daily also offered. Live entertainment in the evening.

SPORTS

PBAK Bowling Tournament

The PBAK Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK) will hold their bowling tournament for men's and women's doubles on June 17, 24 and July 1 and 8, at the Holiday Inn Hotel. The tournament will be held from 6 to 10 pm. The elimination rounds will be held on June 17 and 24. The semi-finals are on July 1, and the finals are on July 8. For registration contact PBAK Director Sarah MacAriamang — Tel: 4843447.

YRC Football Finals

The finals of the Youth Recreation Centre (YRC) Football Tournament will be held between Incredibile and Salcester on Friday, June 17, 4 pm, at Al Soor Ground. Faisal Al Dakheel, former captain of Kuwait's National Football Team, will be chief guest.

FM Services

RADIO PROGRAMMES

Urdu

1900 Opening
1910 Behcene Qaul
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1925 Press Report
1930 Bhaktiyaran
3000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Radio Magazine
2100 Closedown

FRIDAY
1900 Opening
1910 Behcene Qaul
1920 Songs
1925 Press Report
1930 Quran-o-Hadith
2000 News
2015 Aj ka Intikhab
2020 Man Chaib Gheet
2100 Closedown

BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio News
30 King Street Junior (ex 23rd and 30th Sportsworld)
40 Radio Active; 30th Two Cheers for June

0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
30 Weather
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2000 News

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Morning

0800 Opening

0800 Songs and Music

0830 News

0840 Songs and Music

0845 Daily Programme

0900 Pop International

0930 Your Kind of Music

1000 News

1000 Press Today

1000 Songs and Music

1030 The Hit Makers

1100 Closedown

Evening

2100 Opening

2102 Songs and Music

2130 News

2145 Point of View

2155 Songs and Music

2200 Understanding the Holy Quran

2245 The Spirit of Islam

2245 Daily Programme

2300 The Way You Like It

2330 Star Tracks

2400 Closedown

FRIDAY

0800 Opening

0800 Songs and Music

0830 News

0840 Songs and Music

0845 Daily Programme

0900 Muslims Around the World

0915 Songs and Music

0930 Kiddies Corner

1000 Songs and Music

1030 Singers and Their Songs

1100 Closedown

Evening

2100 Opening

2102 Songs and Music

2130 Daily Programme

2155 Songs and Music

2200 News

2245 Point of View

2255 Songs and Music

2300 The Friday Request

HUMOUR



By Keith Wells

THERE was widespread rejoicing and cables of congratulation flew like confetti throughout the city this morning as Keith Wells, the notorious satirist and troublemaker boarded a flight bound for London. He had been held hostage here for eleven years.

At the Airport departure lounge, Mr Keith said, 'I'm not blaming anyone, it's beyond blame. I'd just like to go home and forget it ever happened.' When asked what he planned to do first to celebrate his release, Mr Keith announced that he would be officially unveiling his wife. 'I haven't seen her face for the last ten years,' he said. 'I just hope she hasn't rusted.'

The Arab Times then asked what sort of career moves he was planning. 'I hope to become a full time professional soot,' he replied. 'I've always had a thirst for that kind of work and I'd like to put something else in a glass beside bubbles and artificial colouring.'

Party

Reactions to Mr Keith's release from the city were decidedly mixed. Dozi Salama, the city's finest bureaucrat, said he would make an official comment 'Boukra, inshallah.' Wiz, the Gulf's best known driver, said, 'I will miss Mr Keith, even before Gail Seery, he makes driving here very famous. Without him, we were all just crashing about in obs-

curity.'

On the other hand, the KTV 2 News Team threw a wild party. Yusef Roy, blowing one of those squeaky things with a feather in the end, said, 'Our mutual relations were never good and bilaterally speaking I shall be glad to be rid of him.'

He actually had the audacity to make fun of our News bulletins, which everyone knows are the best in the world, where the following temperatures were recorded yesterday: Doha 44, Manama 44, Riyadh 44, Abu Dhabi 44, Dubai 44, Muscat 44, Sanaa 44, Cairo 44...'

The Kuwait Players also held a party, which was modestly described by their new official reviewer as 'The Greatest Celebration since the Beginning of History. We are glad that he is going, he never really understood the simple fact that the city is cleaned up by instituting a regular programme of shaming rats and polishing cockroaches.'

He also proposed a scheme whereby the traffic police would be issued with turbo-charged bulldozers to help them... clear... traffic... jams... 'Nobody'll argue with thirty tons of waste,' he said...

Perhaps his finest contribution to the cultural life of the country was his campaign to speed up the bureaucracy by issuing electric cattle prods to everyone who entered a Ministry on official business. Thus stimulated, Mr Keith felt sure that local officials could work even faster than computers, delivering vital paperwork in nano-seconds instead of mon-

ths.

At the airport, Mr Keith was asked if any ransom, either in arms or money, had been paid for his release. 'An arm and a leg, actually,' he replied. 'Eleven years in Shuaikh is a lot to pay.'

Then he was asked what he expected to miss?

'I expected to miss that vanette, but it turned left from the right hand lane,' he muttered. 'Then I expected to miss all the paperwork, but I had to sell two cars, cancel my residence, settle my phone bill, (I didn't have a phone, but that was no excuse), close my bank account, get an exit visa and fill out the customs' forms for my baggage, so I didn't miss any of it at all.' He said ruefully. 'There really is a lot to miss about the place; mistakes, mishaps, misogyny, misanthropy, misers, misdemeanours, misery, misdeeds, misuses, misinterpretations, mis-handlings, misguidance, misleading, misinformation, misprints, misplaced missives, miscellaneous misunderstandings. About the only missed that are missing are Muses, Mistresses and mistletoe....'

As he boarded the plane Mr Keith turned for a last look at the city he was leaving behind, but there was a sandstorm and he couldn't see a thing. He settled into the seat and the British Airways stewardess asked if he would like something to drink. Mr Keith burst into tears of joy.

Note: This is Keith Wells' last piece for the Humour page before being released from 'captivity'. The Arab Times wishes him success in all his future ventures.

Hostage released

The wonderful thing about air travel today is that it gives people an idea of what it was like flying over Europe in World War II.

As I sat crouched over my hand luggage in the waiting area at the airport, writing a farewell note to my wife, I saw Gregory Peck in the full uniform of an airline counter attendant march to the front of the room.

"ATTENTION," someone shouted.

"At ease," Peck said. He picked up a pointer and pulled down a map of the airport. "Passengers, I'm here to brief you on the situation. It is serious and the outcome is still in doubt. Pay close attention. You are here," he pointed to Gate C. "Your plane is here."

"Where is that, sir?"

"You can't see it on the map, but as we talk it is being towed to the hangar for failing to pass inspection."

"So what do we fly?" Peck pointed to the map. "There is a plane coming in from Minneapolis at 12 o'clock high. We hope it will get here at 0300 hours

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12 o'clock high

and be gassed and ready to go at 0400 hours."

"Is that the scheduled takeoff time?"

"No, because this plane does not have a crew. The crew walked off in Detroit."

"Then how do we get out?"

Peck looked around at all of us. "Is there anybody here who can fly a jet?"

No one raised his hand so Peck said, "Then two of you are going to have to learn."

"Sir, can't you dig up another crew to take us out?"

"The only crew available to fly right now can't get here because there is no room in the employee parking lot. I've asked headquarters in Texas to supply backup flying personnel, but Texas is down because of weather and there is no one in the office to process the request."

"So what do we fly?"

Peck pointed to the map. "There is a plane coming in from Minneapolis at 12 o'clock high. We hope it will get here at 0300 hours

"I'm issuing everyone in this room a chit for a box lunch in the cafeteria. But it does not include beer or diet drinks. The cafeteria is located here next to the luggage merry-go-rounds."

"After we eat lunch can we sleep on the floor until you get a new plane?" someone asked.

"No, you have to stand here by the gate because you never know when your flight might take off."

A lady in front of me started to cry.

Peck said sternly, "Knock off the tears. I want everybody here to buck up and behave like the air passengers you were trained to be. No one promised you that flying would be fun when you signed up. If you're too chicken to fly one of our missions, you can turn in your wings at the ticket counter."

"Sir, we'll follow you anywhere," I said.

"Even if I did have a crew right now," Peck told

us. "I couldn't put anyone on board."

"Why not?"

"There is no gate for the plane. Everything is backed up from here to Chicago."

"Then what do we do?"

"I've asked the airline chaplain to say a few words to each one of you. We may not have enough pilots, but we have the best sky ministers in the business. All right, that's the morning briefing. I want everybody back here at 0400 hours for the latest weather reports."

"Don't you have any news to cheer us up?"

"Just remember this when you get discouraged: Waiting for a plane that is five hours overdue is a dirty business, but somebody has to do it."

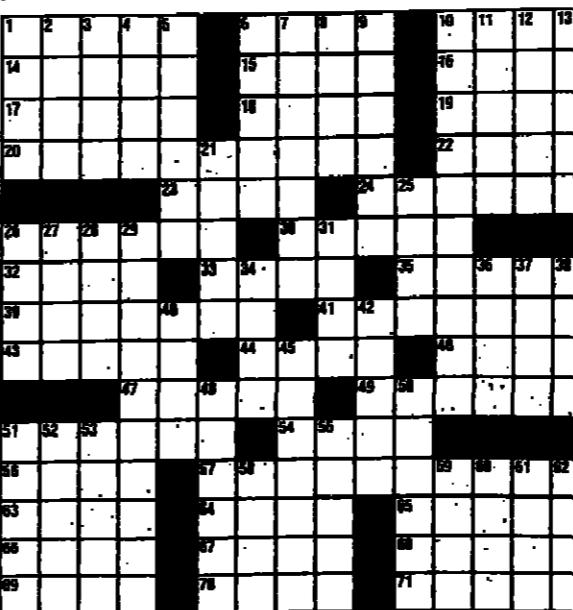
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ANDY CAPP



By Smith

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Factors
6. Petty quarrel
10. Member of bear family
14. Maiden in Muslim paradise
15. Heraldic border
16. Woes
17. "— Hell"
19. Famous shipbuilder
20. Hairstylist rocks the boat?
22. Adorable
23. Ancient Irish capital
24. Slips away from
26. Buncy artist
30. Weight
32. Exchange premium
33. Idyllic spot
35. "Come Back; Little —"
37. Fend off
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
PLAYING WITH GLASS CARDS

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

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Dear Junior Readers,

When we live in a country where it can be either very hot or cold, we should all be especially careful about the things we do if we want to stay well when the weather is at its worst.

If, like me, you come from a country where there is not much sunshine, you might feel too happy to rush outside and spend hours playing on the beach, in a park or in your own garden. But, be careful. Too much time in the sun can leave you feeling very unwell and can also be dangerous. Not only that, if you have fair skin, you will burn very easily and that too can be painful.

Another thing, of course, is that high temperatures make you thirsty, but here again, you need to take care. Guzzle gallons of iced drinks and tons of ice-cream and you will probably end up with a nasty stomach-ache!

Hot days also mean that people go out after dark to enjoy the cool of the evening. If you are out with your family, do stay near them at all times. It may seem great fun to wander off alone, but it is not so funny if you get lost and it is also very worrying for your parents.

Enjoy the summer, but take good care.

Auntie Jayne.

Hungry snail



Let's cook

Cheese straws

Ingredients
100g (4 oz) flour
50g (2 oz) margarine
50g (2 oz) Cheddar cheese
Pinch of salt and pepper
1 egg

Optional:
1 teaspoonful dried parsley
1 pinch dry mustard

Equipment
Tablespoon
Tableknife
Sieve
Mixing bowl
Rolling pin
Cheese grater
Baking tray
Fork

1. Put oven on at Gas Mark 6 (electricity 400°F/200°C).

2. Sift the flour and salt into the mixing bowl. Add the margarine and cut into small pieces. Rub together with your fingertips until the mixture looks like breadcrumbs.

3. Grate the cheese and stir

it into the flour mixture. (Add parsley).

4. Beat egg lightly with fork (add mustard).

5. Pour egg into mixture and mix with knife and then fingertips, to form a dough. (If the mixture is too dry add a few drops of cold water).

6. Roll out the dough on a floured surface and cut into long thin strips about 12 cm (5 in) long and 0.5 cm (1/4 in) wide.

7. Place on a lightly greased baking tray and put in the oven.

8. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes or until golden and firm at the edges.

9. Allow to cool. Cheese straws can be stored in an airtight tin.

Note
To make 'straw' bundles, cut circles with a pastry cutter and cut out the centre using a smaller cutter. When baked, place straws in rings.



Ha! Ha!

"What has a lot of legs, green eyes and a yellow hairy back?"

"I don't know, what?"

"I don't know either, but it's crawling up the back of your neck!"

"What do you give someone who has everything?"

Penicillin.

What is white, fluffy and beats its chest in a baker's shop?

A meringue-utan.
Why do bears have fur coats?

Because they'd look stupid in plastic mackintoshes.

If two's company and three's a crowd, what are four and five?

Nine.
Why do storks stand on one leg?

If they lifted up both, they would fall over.

By the Brothers Grimm

IN a certain kingdom once lived a poor miller who had a very beautiful daughter. She was, moreover, exceedingly shrewd and clever, and the miller was so vain and proud of her that he one day told the king of the land that his daughter could spin gold out of straw. Now this king was very fond of money, and when he heard of the miller's boast his greed was excited and he ordered the girl to be brought before him. Then he led her to a chamber where there was a great quantity of straw, gave her a spinning-wheel and said, 'All this must be spun into gold before morning, if you value your life.'

She began to cry over her hard fate, when suddenly the door opened, and a funny-looking little man hobbled in and said 'Good day to you my sweet lass, what are you weeping for?' 'Alas!' answered she, 'I must spin this straw into gold, and I don't know how.' 'What will you give me to do it for you?' 'My necklace,' replied the maiden. He took her at her word and sat himself down to the wheel; round about it went merrily and, presently, the work was done and the gold spun.

When the king came and saw this he was greatly astonished and pleased, but his heart grew still more greedy and he shut up

the poor miller's daughter again with a fresh task. Then she did not know what to do, and sat down once more to weep; but the little man presently opened the door and said, 'What will you give me to do your task?' 'The ring on my finger,' she replied. So her little friend took the ring and began to work at the wheel, till by the morning, all was finished.

The king was again delighted to see all this glittering treasure, but still he was not satisfied and took the miller's daughter into a yet larger room, and said, 'All this must be spun tonight, and if you succeed, you shall be my queen.' As soon as she was alone the dwarf came in and said, 'What will you give me to spin gold for you this third time?' 'I have nothing left,' said she. 'Then promise me,' said the little man, 'your first little child when you are queen.' That may never be,' thought the miller's daughter, but as she knew no other way to get her task alone she promised him what he asked, and he once more spun the whole heap of gold. The king came in the morning and, finding all he wanted, married her, and so the miller's daughter really became queen.

At the birth of her first

Rumpelstiltskin

little child the queen rejoiced very much and forgot the little man and her promise, but one day he came into her chamber and reminded her of it, and he said, 'I will give you three days' grace, and if, during that time, you tell me my

name, you shall keep your child.'

Now the queen lay awake all night, thinking of all the odd names that she had ever heard, and dispatched messengers all over the land to inquire after new ones. The next



day the little man came, and she began with Timothy, Benjamin, Jeremiah and all the names she could remember; but to all of them he said, 'That's not my name.'

The second day she began with all the comical names she could hear of, Bandy-legs, Hunch-back, Crookshanks and so on, but the little gentleman still said to every one of them,

'That's not my name.'
The third day one of the messengers came back and said, 'I can hear of no other name, but yesterday, as I was climbing a high hill among the trees of the forest where the fox and the hare bid each other good night, I saw a little hut, and before the hut burnt a fire, and round the fire danced a funny little man upon one leg and sang:
'Merrily the feast I'll make,
Today I'll brew, tomorrow
bake;
Merrily I'll dance and sing,
Rumpelstiltskin is my name!
My lady cannot play this game;
For next day will a stranger bring.'

When the queen heard this she jumped for joy, and as soon as her little visitor came and said, 'Now, lady, what is my name?' 'Is it John?' asked she.

'No!'
'Is it Tom?'
'No!'
'Can your name be Rumpelstiltskin?'
'Some witch told you that! Some witch told you that!' cried the little man, and in a rage dashed his right foot so deep into the floor that he was forced to lay hold of it with both hands to pull it out. Then he made off as fast as possible, while everybody laughed at him for having had all his trouble for nothing and for being called such a funny name.'

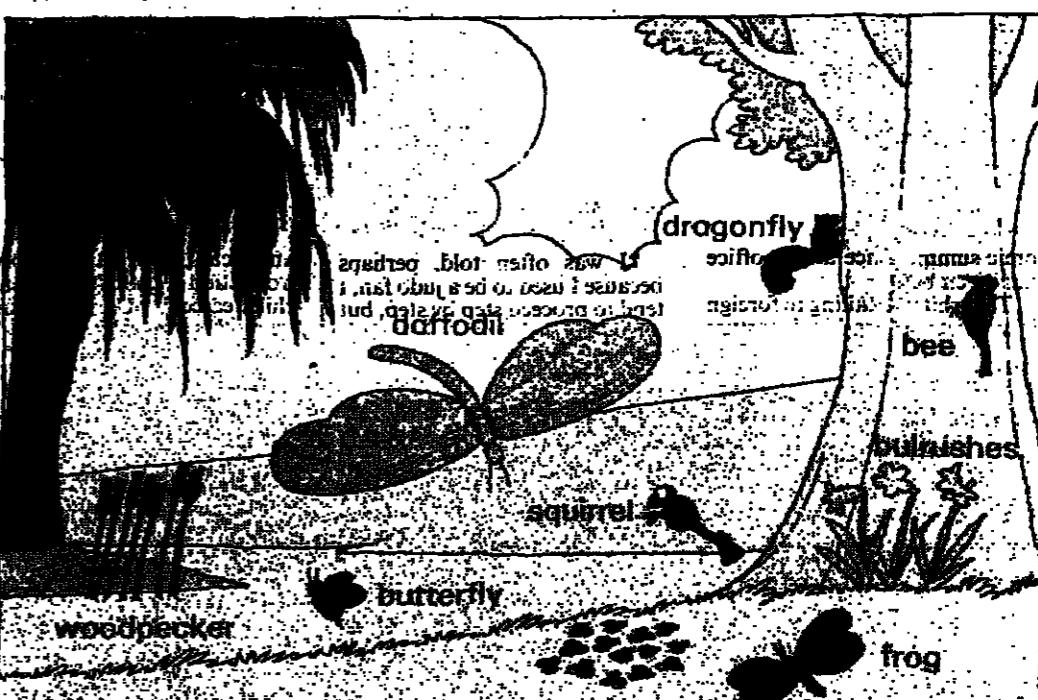
When the world began

Animal-life had already attained the variety of modern times when, about a million years ago, new changes in climate occurred, upsetting the pattern of life on the continents. The cold became intense and large ice-caps covered the globe as far down as our latitudes, driving nearly all the living beings towards the tropics. Some species, however, managed to adapt to the new 'climatic' conditions and continued to live in the regions of the North. A typical example of this is the mammoth, a large woolly elephant, remains of which have even recently been found in the frozen sands of Siberia.



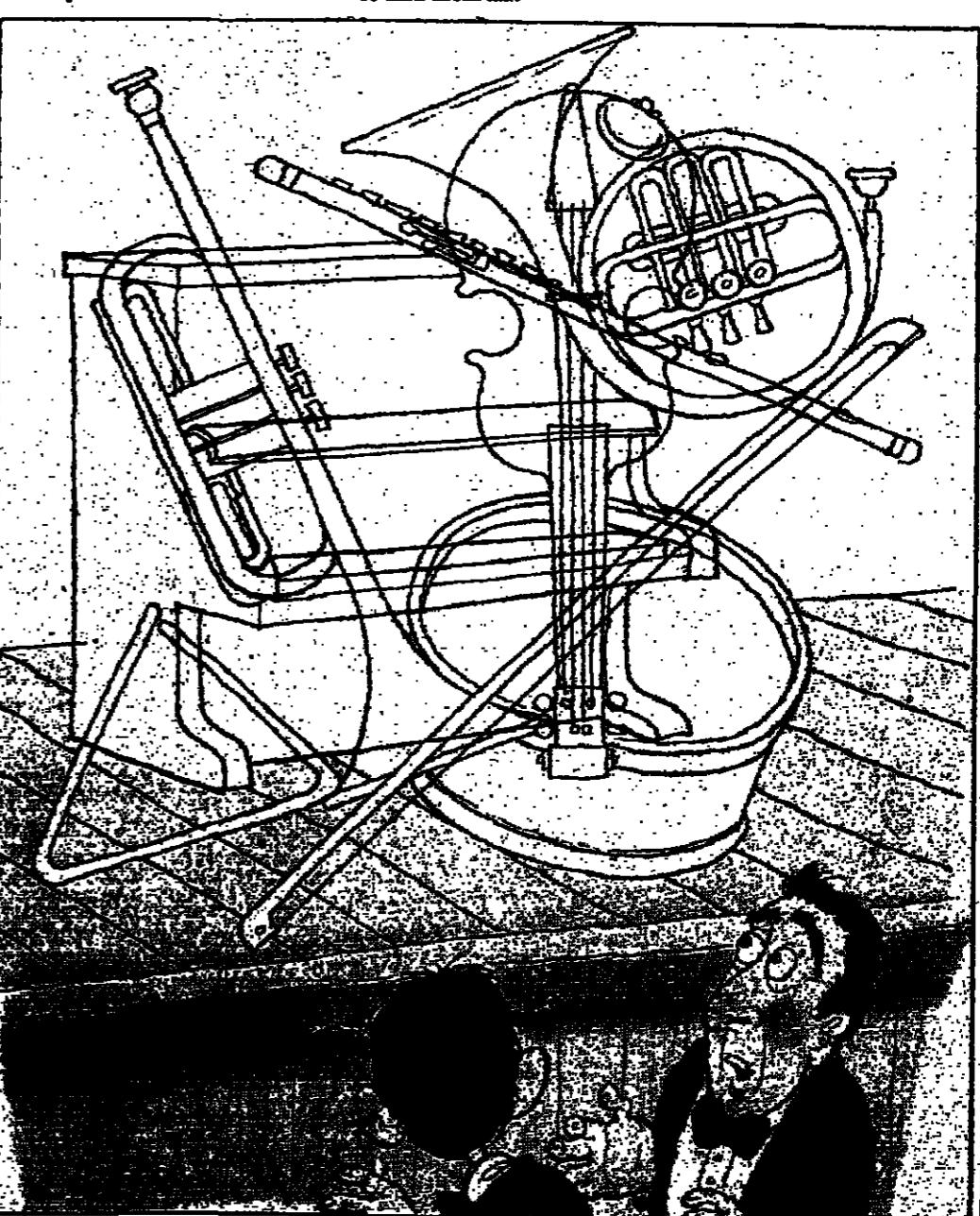
Country quiz

Here are some plants and animals you might find in the countryside. Draw a line to match them with their correct names.



Musical mess

All the musicians playing at a concert have left their instruments in a muddle. Can you unscramble the outlines to find them all?



Truly amazing!

A French scientist discovered how to make paper from wood by watching wasps make paper-like nests by chewing up food.

An Indian poem called the 'Mahabharata' contains almost three million words.

There is nearly three times as much energy in 100 g of butter as in 100 g of steak.

During the Black Death in the middle of the fourteenth century 75 million people died.

George Washington, the first President of the United States, was a champion wrestler and long-jumper.

A lieutenant in the Soviet Air Force fell 6,700 metres without a parachute; he landed in a snow-covered ravine.

The British spend twice as much on pet food as on baby food.

The longest vehicular tunnel in the world is the London Underground line from Morden to East Finchley; it is 17 miles 528 yards long.

One in ten of the men who died in Britain in 1976 died of lung cancer.

The first Olympics were held in Athens in 1896, with nine nations competing.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Saudis and Egypt discuss electricity link-up

CAIRO, June 15. (OPECNA): Saudi Arabia's Industry and Electricity Minister Abdulaziz Al'Zamil has held talks here with Egyptian Electricity and Energy Minister Maher Abaza on the possibility of establishing a power link between the two countries.

The ministers examined research studies compiled on the scheme after the completion of Saudi Arabia's domestic electricity network.

The two sides signed a memorandum of understanding calling for increased co-operation in electricity.

Al'Zamil said that a detailed study was now in hand for setting up a consolidated electricity network among the six member countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

He pointed out that the generation of electricity in Saudi Arabia was dependent on oil and gas, although a lot of research had gone into harnessing solar power.

Al'Zamil extended an invitation to Abaza to visit Saudi Arabia to see various electricity development projects.

Venezuelan Oil Minister Arturo Hernandez Grisanti said yesterday a special OPEC committee would continue to work

If Venezuelan definition of condensates is adopted

Kuwait threatens to exceed output quota

VIENNA, June 15. (UPI): Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah said today Kuwait would consider exceeding its output quota by up to 300,000 barrels a day if OPEC accepts a definition by Venezuela of what constitutes crude oil.

Speaking at a news conference on the agreement that 12 of the 13 OPEC countries reached yesterday at the end of their summer conference, Sheikh Ali called on the organisation to quickly resolve the "ridiculous position" whereby member nations invest huge sums to try and develop condensates to enable them to exceed their production quotas.

Agreed

The four-day conference agreed to renew for six months the OPEC production ceiling of 15.06 million barrels per day. But it did not resolve the problem of Venezuela and other states labelling some extremely light crude as condensates, which are the hydrocarbon liquids derived from gas at the well-head that are exempt from quotas.

Venezuelan Oil Minister Arturo Hernandez Grisanti said yesterday a special OPEC committee would continue to work

on the complex condensates problem.

But the Kuwaiti oil minister said if the committee accepts Venezuela's proposed definition it would mean that between 200,000 and 300,000 of flat condensates Kuwait produces as crude also should be excluded from its quota. Kuwait currently is producing around one million barrels per day in all and would boost its output to as much as 1.3 million barrels per day if Venezuela does not curb its abuse of condensates, he said.

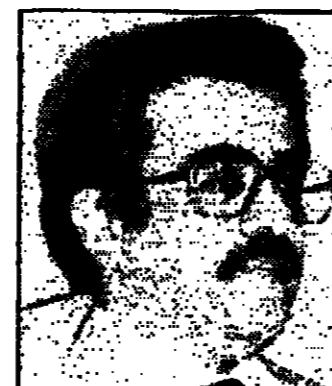
Conciliation

Sheikh Ali stressed the spirit of conciliation that marked the end of the OPEC meeting yesterday in sharp contrast to deep divisions on price strategy that marred the start of the conference.

"Our intention is not to put pressure on any country," Sheikh Ali said.

Nevertheless, OPEC-watchers said his remarks were tough advice to Venezuela to back down from its stand.

Sheikh Ali said other countries also would boost production if Venezuela does not come into line. Oil analysts said that if all



Sheikh Ali

OPEC members took Venezuela's definition to its logical conclusion it could mean extra output of as much as two million barrels per day.

"It is a ridiculous position where a country spends hundreds of millions of dollars developing condensates because they are outside the quota," Sheikh Ali said.

Optimism

"We should distinguish between them (condensates) and light crude in an easy manner," he said.

OPEC president and Nigerian

Oil Minister Rilwanu Lukman yesterday expressed optimism that the new agreement offered a good chance of achieving a OPEC's target price of \$18 a barrel by year end. World markets evidently agreed. Oil prices surged.

Iraq declined to sign the accord on grounds it wants to be allowed to produce the same as its Gulf war enemy Iran. "As long as Iraq is outside the agreement we can only hope it will exercise restraint," Lukman said.

Rejected

The Kuwaiti oil minister today said it made sense for all OPEC members to allow Iraq parity with Iran's output quota of 2.4 million barrels per day because the Baghdad government would have to reduce its output and this would help push up prices.

"I think it should be practical to give them a quota. We should have a crack at it" at the next OPEC meeting on Nov. 21, Sheikh Ali said.

The Kuwaiti oil minister also rejected flatly criticism by Venezuela and Iran that some 300,000 barrels per day of crude that Kuwait and Saudi Arabia

give to Iraq as "war relief" from a "neutral zone" on their common desert border should be included in the quotas of Kuwait and the kingdom.

Sheikh Ali said it was OPEC policy that oil loans should form part of the quota of the borrower not the lender. This was the policy when Venezuela loaned oil to Ecuador, he said.

Sheikh Ali said he expected the maverick UAE would abide by the accord reached yesterday. "Anybody who signs that agreement is bound by that agreement," he said.

The Oil Minister of the UAE, Mana Saeed Oteiba, after the final conference session yesterday said his quota was "an allocated quota and not necessarily an official quota," starting speculation the Gulf federation would blatantly continue to exceed its ceiling of pumping 948,000 barrels per day.

But Sheikh Ali said "all of us have allocated quotas" and expressed sympathy for the UAE's dissatisfaction with its ceiling. Oteiba had left the meeting suddenly on Sunday after criticism of the UAE for cheating on its quota.

World Business Summary

Egypt and Venezuela urge co-ordination on debts

CAIRO, June 15. (Reuters): Egypt and Venezuela called today for a co-ordinated effort between advanced and developing nations to solve the problem of Third World debt. "These problems should be tackled in a co-ordinated framework and combined efforts between the advanced and developing countries," a joint statement said at the end of a three-day state visit by Venezuelan President Jaime Lusinchi. Both countries are middle-ranking debtors. Egypt owes about \$40 billion to foreign governments and banks while Venezuela has a \$30-billion debt. "The foreign debt problem has already generated serious political and social dimensions and is threatening the development and stability of many developing countries," an English version of the statement said.

During the visit, the first by a Venezuelan leader to Egypt, Lusinchi had one round of talks with President Hosni Mubarak on major world issues and prospects of increased bilateral contacts. The statement said the two countries, both major oil exporters, agreed on the need for more co-operation to stabilise prices on the world oil market. Venezuela is a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), but Egypt does not belong to the 13-nation group.

Egyptian Prime Minister Atel Sedki and Venezuelan Foreign Minister German Nava Carillo signed an agreement yesterday covering co-operation in various fields. Lusinchi left today for Luxor in southern Egypt on a sight-seeing tour of pharaonic monuments. The statement said Mubarak accepted an invitation to visit Venezuela but gave no date.

Soviet Union hurries to ease tax burden on co-operatives

MOSCOW, June 15. (AP): The Soviet government is hurrying to lower taxes for co-operatives before a new law goes into force on July 1 broadening the rights of the thousands of independent enterprises that are key to the reform movement. Tass said yesterday. The quick drop in tax rates was a victory for those who support efforts by Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev to reform the Soviet economy and provide a better quality and selection of consumer goods and services. The Supreme Soviet, the nominal national parliament, passed a new law last month ensuring that co-operatives, owned by their members rather than the state, can compete on an equal footing with state-run businesses. But the law would have left in place a new tax ladder established by the Finance Ministry forcing co-operatives to pay the state up to 90 percent of their profits. In a rare show of independence, Supreme Soviet deputies complained that the taxes would strangle the co-operatives, and called for a change. A leading reform advocate, economist Nikolai Shmelev, told a news conference several days after the law was approved that rewriting the tax law might take as long as a year. However, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported yesterday that government experts will have the new law ready in the next several weeks.

Indonesian and Japanese firms agree joint venture

JAKARTA, June 15. (AP): Indonesia's Nasusantara Aircraft Industry and the new media development organisation of Japan have agreed to establish a joint venture company to produce computers, officials said. The state-run Indonesian company will provide 51 per cent of the financing, or \$1.5 million, while the Japanese company will provide the rest of the financing, officials said. The new company is to be called Nasusantara Systems International. It will be based in the west Java capital of Bandung, officials said. "The company will operate in production and application of both micro and micro computers," said B.J. Habibie, president of Nasusantara Aircraft Industry. He is also the Indonesian minister of research and technology. The new company is expected to employ about 500 workers by 1993, officials said.

European carriers see steady passenger growth through 1992

BRUSSELS, Belgium, June 15. (AP): The Association of European Airlines predicted today that the number of passengers on the European routes of its 21 member air carriers will rise to 65.5 million by 1992 from 51.3 million this year, an annual average increase of 6.6 per cent. But in its forecast it added that the AEA members expect per-passenger revenue yield to drop an average of two per cent a year over the next five years. "The scenario is that in fact airfares will rise but not as fast as inflation," Jan Brumlik, the AEA's manager for economics and forecasting, said. The AEA issued no forecast for traffic outside Europe but Brumlik said passenger growth on AEA airlines on the North Atlantic routes was expected to be similar as that within Europe over the next five years. The 21 AEA members are: Aer Lingus, Air France, Air Malta, Alitalia, Austrian Airlines, British Airways, Finnair, Iberia, Icelandair, JAT, KLM, Lufthansa, Luxair, Malév, Olympic Airways, Sabena, SAS, Swissair, Tap Air Portugal, Turkish Airlines and UTA.

Takeshita defends slowness in opening markets to US

TOKYO, June 15. (UPI): Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita defended Japan's slowness in opening its markets to US goods today, saying the gradual pace is due to a difference in the "mentality" of Americans and Japanese.

Takeshita, speaking on the eve of his meeting with the heads of the seven leading industrialised democracies in Toronto, said he will ask the leaders to resist pressure to protect their markets from foreign goods.

The meeting with President Reagan and the leaders of West Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada beginning on Sunday will be Takeshita's first economic summit since his office in November.

Takeshita, speaking to foreign journalists before his departure tomorrow, said the leaders should discuss ways to "co-operate for the prevention of trade protectionism".

The United States has repeatedly criticised Japan for its protectionist policies which restrict the import of US goods.

Takeshita said the Japanese may be slow, but they are gradually opening their markets, US Commerce Secretary William Verity said in New York last week that the Japanese follow "what I call the three G method of negotiation — give ground gradually."

Asked if Verity was correct, Takeshita said, "As to the grudging aspect, there may be some differences between the mentality of the peoples of our two countries."

It was often told, perhaps because I used to be a judo fan, I tend to proceed step by step, why don't I instead try to proceed stride by stride," Takeshita said.

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WASHINGTON, June 15. (AP): The world's output of rice is headed up, led by a sharply expanded acreage in the United States, the Agriculture Department said yesterday.

If indicated plantings are borne out and yields are in line with past trends, US rice production could be around 15.7 million hundredweight this year, up 23 per cent from 1987, the department's Economic Research Service said.

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BERN, June 15. (UPI): Philipines President Corazon Aquino held talks with the Swiss government today to seek financial and economic aid in overcoming the crushing problem of a \$29 billion foreign debt.

Aquino was also informed about the current status of court proceedings to oblige banks to disclose and return an estimated \$1 billion stashed away by former President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife and friends.

The one day of talks in the Swiss capital today was the first ever official visit to Switzerland by a Filipino head of state.

Trip Aquino, also making her first trip to Europe as president, arrived in Geneva on Monday to be a guest speaker yesterday to the annual conference of the UN's International Labour Organisation (ILO).

She appealed in her address for greater aid and debt relief for her own and other Third World countries, warning that economic problems and poverty jeopardise the progress of democracy.

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Donor countries to meet in Paris next week

Indian growth depends on monsoon and exports

NEW DELHI, June 15. (Reuters): India's donor countries are meeting in Paris next week to put together their annual aid package but economists said the unpredictable monsoon and higher exports were more important to the country's growth.

The World Bank has urged donor countries in the so-called India consortium to provide \$3.8 billion in low interest, long term loans in 1988-89.

Even before the trade data, economists at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development said the Indian economy, US Commerce Secretary William Verity said in New York last week that the Japanese follow "what I call the three G method of negotiation — give ground gradually."

Asked if Verity was correct, Takeshita said, "As to the grudging aspect, there may be some differences between the mentality of the peoples of our two countries."

It was often told, perhaps because I used to be a judo fan, I tend to proceed step by step, why don't I instead try to proceed stride by stride," Takeshita said.

The meeting with President Reagan and the leaders of West Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada beginning on Sunday will be Takeshita's first economic summit since his office in November.

Takeshita, speaking to foreign journalists before his departure tomorrow, said the leaders should discuss ways to "co-operate for the prevention of trade protectionism".

Assuming a return to normal weather in Asia, production could rise seven per cent in 1988-89, the agency said. In that case, global rice consumption would be expected to increase substantially following last year's decline, the first since 1971-72.

BERN, June 15. (UPI): Philipines President Corazon Aquino held talks with the Swiss government today to seek financial and economic aid in overcoming the crushing problem of a \$29 billion foreign debt.

Aquino was also informed about the current status of court proceedings to oblige banks to disclose and return an estimated \$1 billion stashed away by former President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife and friends.

The one day of talks in the Swiss capital today was the first ever official visit to Switzerland by a Filipino head of state.

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should be fairly satisfied if (conditional aid) comes to \$3.8 billion."

He said the World Bank was happy with the way India managed last year's drought, the worst in a century, and had acknowledged the Indian success was made possible by its domestic resources.

Consortium members, including the European Economic Community and Asian Development Bank, put together a \$5.4 billion package in the financial year from July 1, 1987. This included \$3.3 billion in concessional aid.

Recommended This year the bank has recommended a total of \$5.8 billion.

J.L. Bajaj, a senior Indian Finance Ministry official, said: "We

should proceed on schedule regardless of the outcome."

"All in all, it was a useful day's work," Lawson told reporters after the meeting. "The liberalisation of capital markets goes ahead on schedule."

"It's very happy news because if we had not managed to come to an agreement today, it would have put the creation of a unified internal market in the EEC by 1992 in a very bad light," said an EEC Commission official, who asked not to be named.

The accord must now be approved by the European Parliament, but officials said that was a formality.

Meanwhile, West German Finance Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said yesterday, the EEC has put the final touches to an agreement on its future financing, removing a potential sore point from the agenda of this month's EEC summit meeting.

Settled

This was firmly rejected by Nigel Lawson, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, who said it would force his country to levy unpopular value-added (sales) taxes on food, children's clothing and other items.

In the end, the ministers asked the EEC Commission to study the issue and make any tax equalisation proposals by June 30, 1989. But a vote on these must be unanimous, effectively giving Britain a veto right, while the accord to free capital flows

increased the amount of money to be made available over the next five years to aid the EEC's poorer regions.

Italy, Spain and Portugal had contested certain provisions of the February summit agreement.

"Germany has succeeded in getting the 12 members to agree on budgetary discipline," Genscher said. "The progress of the Community will be favourably influenced by these agreements."

He said West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl would lay out the June 27-28 EEC summit agenda in a letter to his fellow heads of government next week. The summit is

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

International Bond Highlights

London—Woolwich Equitable Building Society is issuing a 200 mln stg floating rate note due July 1993, paying 1/8 pct over the three month London Interbank offered rate and priced at par. Hambros Bank Ltd said as lead manager. (RTVW 0914)

London—Japan's Tokyu Department Store Co. Ltd is issuing a 200 mln dir equity warrant Eurobond due July 1, 1998, paying an indicated 4-1/4 pct and priced at par. Nomura International Ltd said as lead manager. (RTXG 1329)

Zurich—The Kingdom of Thailand is launching a 200 mln Swiss franc, seven year, 4-5/8 pct bond priced at 99.75 pct, lead manager Credit Suisse said. (RTXG 1309)

London—Coca Enterprises, a unit of Coca Cola Co., is issuing a 150 mln dir Eurobond due July 19, 1991, paying 8-1/2 pct and priced at 101.10 pct. Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd said as lead manager. (RTWA 1441)

London—Electricité de France is issuing a 150 mln dir Eurobond due July 27, 1998, paying 9-3/8 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct. BNP Capital Markets said as joint lead manager with Kleinwort Benson Ltd. (RTYI 1516)

Interbank Rates

Interest Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	6-3/4 1/2	EIGHT 7-7/8	8-5/8 1/2
FFT	3.40/50	3.40/50	3.60/70
PAR	7 7-1/8	7-1/16 3/16	7-1/4 3/8
ZUR	1-5/8 1-7/8	2-3/4 3	2-3/4 3
BRX	5.05	5-15/16 1/16	6.00 1/8
RDN	9-7/8 10-3/8	10-7/8 11-3/8	11 11-1/2
ANS	3-1/2 4-0/0	3-7/8 3-15/16	4-1/16 4-1/8
TOK	3.3750 4375	3.9375 4.0000	3.9375 4.0000
ECU	5.50 5.75	5.75 5.87	6.00 6.12

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6.9/16	6.15/16
3 months	6.7/16	6.13/16
6 months	6.3/8	6.13/16
1 year	6.3/8	6.7/8

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	62	61	61	NICO	580	570	580	
ACC	196.50	190	196	GNFC	44.50	44.50	43.50	MUKAND	87.50	84	87
ASIA PAINT	155	155	157.50	GSCF	97.50	95.50	97	NOCTIL	480	475	482.50
BAJAJ AUTO	215	207.50	215	HIND LEVER	68	67	68	PEICO	32.50	33.50	32
BARAYON	225	215	220	HINDALCO	87	84	85.50	PFIZER	65	65	63
BON.DYING	136.50	133	135	HINDCOOM	86.25	81.25	83	PRE.AUTO	36	35	37
BR. BOND	88.50	88	88.50	HINMDTOR	24.50	23.75	24.75	RAYMOND	50	49.50	50
BSE INDEX	616.60	610.64	610.64	IND ORG	23	22	23	RELIANCE	219	215	215.50
CENTURYSPG	787.50	785	790	INDRAYON	71	67	70	SIEMENS	66	64	66
COLGATE	210	210	212.50	INDROL	191.25	185	187.50	SPIC	50.50	50	51.50
DEEPAKFERT	39	38	39	ITC	42	42	41	STDMILLS	230	225	235
ELT.HOTEL	51	50	51	JKSYNT	67	66	67	TATA PUR	242.50	235	240
ESKAIEF	162.50	157.50	157.50	L. & T.	94	93	94	TATACHEM	70	69	70.50
ESSAR	22	22	21.50	MAHINDRA	56	57	55	TELECO	596.50	575	602.50
GAR. POLY	80	79.50	80.50	MASTERSHR	11.50	11	11.25	TISCO	856.50	850	862.50
GE.SHIP	29.65	28	29	MATHER PL	75	75	77	VOLTAS	267.50	262.50	287.50

FRANKFURT

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	MITSUB CP	1320	1290	MITSUB EL	840	822	MITSUB EST	2760	2660
AEG	206.5	206.8	AIJINOMOTO	3350	3480	3480	MITSUB HS	817	805	MITSUB HS	927	917
ALLIANZ VR	1415.0	1397.0	AKAI ELEC	715	708	708	MITSUB K	1750	1770	MITSUB K	1500	1480
BADENMARK	184.0	182.8	ASAHI GAS	2080	2080	2080	MITSUMI EL	1230	1210	MITSUMI EL	1360	1360
BASF	262.5	258.7	ASAHI OPT	778	760	760	MITSUMI HS	895	878	MITSUMI HS	1250	1250
BAYER	293.0	286.5	BARTH TOKYO	1560	1570	1570	MICRON	2000	1980	MICRON	2000	1980
BAYER HYP	352.0	340.0	BRIDGESTON	1450	1450	1450	MIKKO SEC	2000	1980	MIKKO SEC	2000	1980
BAYER VER	335.5	325.0	CANON	1250	1270	1270	MIP ELEC	2220	2220	MIP ELEC	2220	2220
BBC	310.0	307.0	CASIO COMP	1280	1260	1260	MITSUB K	925	920	MITSUB K	925	920
BRK	400.0	398.0	CITIGAZ MNG	0	1550	1550	MITSUB K	925	920	MITSUB K	925	920
BMW	538.0	527.0	CITIZEN W	880	902	902	MIP OIL	1160	1190	MIP OIL	1160	1190
COMMERZBK	225.7	222.6	D-ICHI KAN	3140	3150	3150	MIP STEEL	550	529	MIP STEEL	550	529
CONTI GUMM	255.5	249.0	DAI NIP IK	810	803	803	MIP YUSEN	715	715	MIP YUSEN	715	715
DAIMER BEN	654.0	642.5	DAI NIP PT	2610	2630	2630	MITSUR	1020	1020	MITSUR	1020	1020
DEUTS BANK	441.0	430.0	DAI NIP SC	1130	1120	1120	MOMURA SEC	4020	4000	MOMURA SEC	4020	4000
DLW	375.5	349.5	DANIELSON	1628	1628	1628	MONTBLANC	1980	1980	MONTBLANC	1980	1980
DESSNER-BR	2495.00	2494.8	DATUM TONN	46265	46265	46265	MOTOROLA	1500	1480	MOTOROLA	1500	1480
DT-BABCOCK	158.5	157.0	DATUM TONN	5000	5000	5000	MOTOROLA	1500	1480	MOTOROLA	1500	1480
E&Z INDEX	475.65	486.79	DATUM TONN	5210	5210	5210	MOTOROLA	1500	1480	MOTOROLA	1500	1480
FELDMEHL	294.0	290.2	DAVIA SEC	2550	2620	2620	MOTOROLA	1500	1480	MOTOROLA	1500	1480
GOLDSCHMID	272.0	271.0	EBRA MFG	1030	1010	1010	MOTOROLA	1500	1480	MOTOROLA	1500	1480
HARPERNER	417.0	412.0	EISAI	2150	2140	2140	MOTOROLA	1500	1480	MOTOROLA	1500	1480
HOECHST AG	269.0	265.5	FUTSU	1590	1590	1590	MOTOROLA	1500	1480	MOTOROLA	1500	1480
HOECHST	197.5	197.0	FUJI BANK	3150	3200	3200	MOTOROLA	1500	1480	MOTOROLA	1500	1480
HUSSEL NLD	439.0	432.5	FUJI PHOTO	3850	3870	3870	MOTOROLA	1500	1480	MOTOROLA	1500	1480
KALI SALZ	152.5	148.0	FUJIWA MNG	783	791	791	MOTOROLA	1500	1480	MOTOROLA	1500	1480
KARSTADT	437.5	431.5	HITACHI	1450	1450	1450	MOTOROLA	1500	1480	MOTOROLA	1500	1480
KAUFHOF	394.0	392.0	HONDA MOT	1720	1720	1720	MOTOROLA	1500	1480	MOTOROLA	1500	1480
KLOECK H	124.0	123.5	ISETAN	1700	1700	1700	MOTOROLA	1500	1480	MOTOROLA	1500	1480
KLOECK W	101.00	101.00	ITO YOKADO	4670	4630	4630	MOTOROLA	1500	1480	MOTOROLA	1500	1480
LINDE	685.0	680.0	JAP SYN R	1080	1050	1050	MOTOROLA	1500	148			

BUSINESS

Nikkei share average hits all-time high

Improved US trade figures give world markets a boost

LONDON, June 15, (Reuters): The dollar rode high, Tokyo stocks hit a record and European bourses also advanced today after news that the US trade gap had narrowed appreciably in April gave money markets a badly needed morale boost. Gold prices rose.

Wall Street had set the pace with a 25-point gain yesterday, to its best since the 'Black Monday' October 19 crash, after the April figures showed a 6.4 per cent drop in US imports. The trade gap has been a persistent source of worry in the global economy.

High

Tokyo took the cue from Wall Street and the Nikkei share average hit an all-time high today.

Later, as Europe's trading day began, a dealer in stocks in Frankfurt summed up the mood. "It's not often that everything looks rosy at the same time," he said, as West German shares surged by three percent in hectic early trading.

"But today, US bonds have risen, New York stocks also rose strongly and, of course, the dollar is 2.5 percent higher."

A stronger dollar, steady just below 1.75 marks and around 126.25 yen in Europe today, bodes well for export earnings in many countries around the globe.

OPEC Fund approves new loans to developing countries

VIENNA, June 15. (OPECNA): The governing board of the OPEC Fund for International Development today approved eight loans totalling \$29.82 million and one technical assistance grant worth \$210,000.

The loans approved under the eighth lending programme, which became operational early this year, are for developing countries in Africa, Asia and Central America.

Belize will receive \$1.20 million for the rehabilitation of an international airport. Ethiopia (six million) for a coffee plantation rehabilitation and maintenance project, Ghana (4.80 million) for a works project, Mozambique (2.82 million) for a limestone quarry rehabilitation project and Pakistan (eight million) as a line of credit for small-scale industries.

Burkina Faso will receive \$5 million for the import of capital goods and Burundi (two million) — one million as a supplementary loan for sugar project and one million for a road project.

A technical assistance grant (\$210,000) approved by the board will help support the Al Injil Al Arabi hospital in Nablus in Israeli occupied Palestine. The

stocks of exporting firms were among those to rise in London, for instance, where the FTSE index of 100 British blue chips touched a morning high of 1,845.5 points, up nearly 20 from yesterday's close.

The markets' advance, however, was checked by caution.

Trading volume in Tokyo was a massive 2.6 billion shares compared but the Nikkei average closed just 31.72 points — 0.1 per cent — higher at 28,093.52, below the day's best.

Braked

The dollar's rise was also braked in Tokyo.

"Selling interest by exporters above 126.50 yen was fairly strong as most people still see a higher yen in the medium and long term," said Koji Kidokoro, director and general manager of Mitsui Bank's treasury division.

Meanwhile West Germany's Bundesbank (central bank), worried that the dollar's sharp rise against the Deutsche mark might risk inflation, sold dollars today to check the gains.

In London, the FTSE index failed to stay above 1,880 points.

Swiss investors were also cautious, with shares gaining only modestly in Zurich.

But shares were higher in Amsterdam, Milan and Paris, where the Bourse Indicator gained 0.54 per cent despite French political

uncertainties and a scandal over losses by France's regulatory SBF Bourse Association.

In Asia, Singapore stocks closed at a post-crash high with the Straits Times index up 21.15 at 1,066.45. Sydney's Australian All-Ordinaries index closed up 17.9 points or 1.1 per cent at 1,587.4. Hong Kong was also higher but off its best with the Hang Seng index up 26.88 points at 2,699.58.

Dealers say that, while the threat of recession now seems to have diminished, the markets' underlying worry concerns a risk of inflation.

But Japan's Jiji press quoted a top Japanese Finance Ministry official as saying that leading industrial nations, whose leaders hold a summit in Toronto next week, are unlikely to feel obliged to take any immediate action against inflation.

Gold

Oil prices, at least, seem unlikely to rise sharply.

North Sea crude, a barometer of the international market, traded slightly firmer today. But, at around \$16 a barrel for August delivery, prices showed no big jump following a new OPEC production agreement.

The organisation decided in Vienna yesterday simply to extend its existing output quotas. Some members had wanted tighter curbs to try to drive prices up.



Stock dealers tangle at a trading counter in brisk activity at the Tokyo Stock Exchange as share prices rose well above earlier record levels.

(Reuter wirephoto)

Gold bullion closed in London, the major European trading centre, at a bid price of \$452.60 a troy ounce, up from yesterday's 448.00. The Zurich late bid price

was \$453.00, up from 448.00.

Gold dealers said their market was closed for a holiday.

Silver bullion traded late in London at \$7.14 bid a troy ounce, up from 6.91.

US retail sales rise

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WASHINGTON, June 15. (Reuter): US retail sales rose a scant 0.1 per cent in May after a 0.4 per cent decline in April, the Commerce Department said today.

The rise, which compared with Wall Street forecasts of a 0.4 per cent increase, suggested consumer spending was slowing down after a sharp rise in the first quarter that had fanned fears of an overheating economy and higher interest rates, economists said.

Slowdown

The Commerce Department had originally estimated the drop in April retail sales as 0.6 per cent.

The apparent slowdown in domestic demand was likely to be welcome news to policy-makers at the Federal Reserve, the US central bank, which nudged interest rates up earlier this year in an attempt to restrict consumer spending.

Fed officials had feared that unless Americans curbed their spending, US factories would be unable to produce enough goods to satisfy domestic demand and mounting export orders without igniting inflation.

There was also evidence of softening domestic demand in yesterday's trade figures, which showed a 6.4 per cent decline in imports in April.

Excluding the volatile category of cars, retail sales rose 0.5 per cent in May after a 0.3 per cent drop in April, the government said.

The 0.1 per cent increase in May, to a seasonally adjusted \$131.88 billion, left retail sales 5.6 percent higher than they were in May 1987, the Commerce Department said.

Durable goods

The gains were all in the category of non-durable goods, such as food and petrol, which rose 0.5 per cent after falling 0.5 per cent in April.

Sales of durable goods, by contrast, fell 0.6 per cent in May after dropping 0.2 per cent in April. Within this category, car sales dropped 1.2 per cent after falling 0.8 per cent in April, the government said.

US steel quota plan exceeds goal

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania, June 15. (AP): US steel trade quotas restricted April imports of finished steel products to 1.33 million tons, or 15.7 per cent of the market, well below the plan's 18.5 per cent goal, according to importers.

Imports during the first four months of 1988, not counting semi-finished steel bound for US mills, represented 17.5 percent of the domestic market, importers said yesterday.

"US rolling mills have urgently needed semi-finished imports since early 1988," said Erwin Klein, president of the American Institute for Imported Steel.

US current account deficit widens

WASHINGTON, June 15, (UPI): A shift in patterns of foreign investment offset merchandise trade gains to widen the US goods and services deficit to \$39.8 billion in the first quarter of 1988, the Commerce Department said today.

In recent years, he said, developing countries had witnessed the introduction of a variety of barriers in the markets of the major industrialised nations against their exports.

He pointed out that the great concern now was to try to bring an end to the continuous decline in the economic performance of African countries.

Faqih, who is also Saudi Arabian deputy minister at the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, noted that the prospects for early relief were not very encouraging.

"Asia," he said, "had seen poverty levels rise in spite of strategies of growth-oriented development pursued by many countries of the region, while the Asian low income countries as a group had performed well."

Speaking at the meeting, Osama Faqih, chairman of the governing board, stated that throughout 1987 and for much of the first half of 1988, developing countries had continued to face many economic difficulties as in the past.

The Commerce Department

yesterday reported the monthly US merchandise trade gap continued to narrow in April to a seasonally adjusted \$39.8 billion from \$11.7 billion in March.

But those gains, while representing the lion's share of the total US trade deficit, were more than offset by a \$12.7 billion shift in the balance of payments for services, to a \$700 million deficit from an unusually high fourth quarter surplus of \$12 billion, the bureau said.

Down

The department previously reported the deficit for the fourth quarter of 1987 was \$39 billion, down from \$43.4 billion in the third quarter of 1987.

The merchandise trade balance of payments for services shrank to \$35.9 billion, from \$41.2 billion because of a strong increase in exports that offset more slowly increasing imports, the department's Bureau of Economic Analysis said.

At the same time, outflow of US capital for foreign investments decreased to \$4.8 billion from a record \$19.7 billion in the fourth quarter of 1987, while

foreigners bought \$7 billion in US Treasury securities, up from only \$500 million in the fourth quarter of 1987.

The surge in foreign purchases of government notes and bonds reflected rising bond prices and the relative stability of the dollar in exchange markets early this year, the bureau said.

Investing

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said last night America's current account deficit, the broadest measure of the US trade gap, remains high because Americans have not been saving their money and investing it at home.

"The main success we have had to date in reducing our current account deficit has resulted from the major expansion in the volume of our exports," Greenspan said.

The decline in the value of the dollar since 1985 has made US goods cheaper abroad and imports more expensive. But because US industrial production is straining against factory capacity, Greenspan said he doubts further declines in the

dollar's value would help the trade deficit.

Greenspan said higher interest rates traditionally encourage Americans to spend less and save and invest more, but higher interest rates could reduce the current account deficit "largely at the expense of domestic investment in plant, equipment and housing."

"Therefore, it would seem desirable to seek progress on the other component of the investment-saving imbalance, that is by raising the domestic saving rate," he said. "Policy can be directed at raising domestic saving directly by lowering public budget deficit."

Greenspan said reducing the budget deficit, now estimated at an annual \$146.7 billion for the

current fiscal year, "would be another element of our current account deficit without spending productive private investment."

"Reducing our federal budget deficit would be the most important step we can take to further the adjustment process," he said.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, June 15, (Reuters): Share prices closed mostly higher across the board as the share market snatched out of a five-day losing streak. The All Ordinaries rose 17.9 to 1,587.4.

TOKYO — Share prices reached a record high close but were off the day's early peaks in heavy trade after Wall Street's strong showing overnight on the smaller-than-expected US April trade deficit. The Nikkei index rose 31.72 to 28,093.52.

HONG KONG — Share prices ended sharply higher in active trading despite profit-taking eroding gains. The Hang Seng index ended 26.88 up at 2,699.58 after an earlier high of 2,720.

SINGAPORE — Bullish sentiment, spurred by encouraging US April trade figures, lifted most share prices to post-crash high at close of trading. The Straits Times index rose 21.15 to 1,066.45.

BOMBAY — Share prices closed mixed in poor trading, with operators preferring to keep commitments low because they feared high carry-forward charges to be fixed later this week.

PARIS — Prices ended slightly off yesterday's closing levels on profit-taking in moderate volume.

It would also consider privatizing the four state-owned commercial banks.

Nour Al Dayem said the Blue Nile and White Nile Corporations, both in charge of giant agricultural schemes, would be dissolved and sold to the private sector or to co-operatives.

"There are some activities owned at present by the government but we believe that the private sector will run them more efficiently. These include the hotel industry," he said.

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Free

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The IMF, to which Sudan owes more than \$700 million in arrears, has been pressing for politically sensitive economic reforms to follow up an agreement last year.

Sudan devalued its currency by 44 per cent and increased sugar and petrol prices in October under that pact.

Western economists in Khartoum say the IMF wants Sudan to devalue further, reduce domestic borrowing to finance budget deficits, boost revenues and streamline or privatise loss-making state enterprises.

Declared

In turn, the IMF, which in February 1986 declared Sudan ineligible for fresh loans, would give the go-ahead to donor countries to help finance a four-year economic recovery plan starting in 1988/89 fiscal year.

Major Western donors have already pledged \$227.6 million in balance-of-payments support after a December meeting in Paris of a consultative group headed by the World Bank.

Nour Al Dayem told parliament Sudan was \$3.3 billion in arrears on foreign debt repayments at the end of 1987.

The principal, and interest liability for the fiscal year 1988/89 totalled \$980 million.

Sudan plans sweeping economic reforms

KHARTOUM, June 15, (Reuter): Sudan, burdened by huge foreign debt, famine and civil war, announced sweeping plans today to liberalise its economy and give private enterprise a greater role.

Finance Minister Omar Nour Al Dayem also disclosed plans for a new round of price rises.

Previous increases last October triggered rioting in which six people died.

The announcement coincides with a visit by a team from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which has been pressing for radical but politically sensitive reforms before it approves new loans to the impoverished nation.

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Syrian pound stages a sudden comeback

DAMASCUS, June 15, (AP): The once-tumbling Syrian pound has staged a sudden comeback that has propelled it to nearly double last month's value on the free market.

The stunning turnaround in a traditionally weak currency has baffled foreign observers and fed Damascus' raging rumour mill, with reports of foreign interventions in the currency market.

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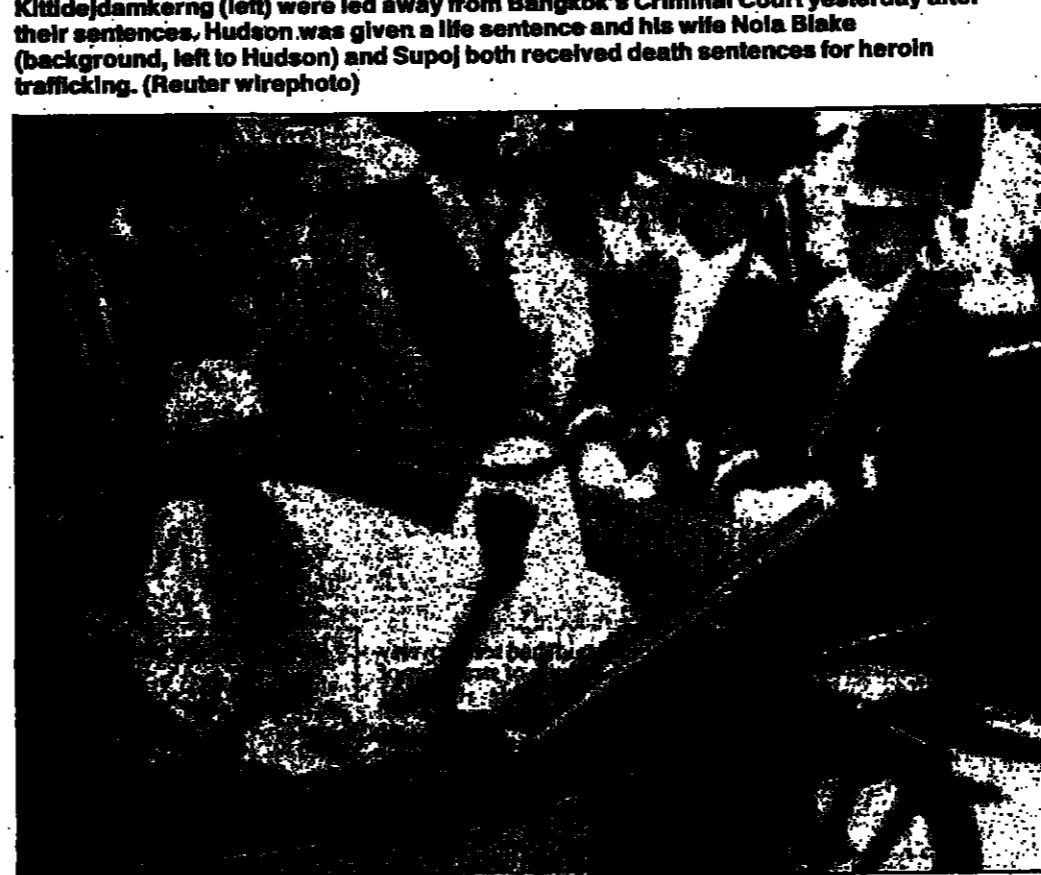
COMMUNITY leader Anwar Nagla stands on the site of District Six an area of Cape Town virtually deserted since the government declared it a white area, evicted mixed race 'coloured' residents and bulldozed their houses in the 1960's. (Reuter wirephoto)



MISS MOSCOW, Maria Kalinnina who won the first beauty contest to be held in Moscow, stands in the Red Square in front of St Basil Church. (Reuter wirephoto)



A RIOT policeman hurriedly doffs his helmet which caught fire from a petrol bomb thrown by students during an anti-government protest near a Seoul university. Nearly 1,000 students of Seoul's Chungang University clashed with teargas firing police yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



AUSTRALIAN Paul Hudson (centre, white short pant) and Thai Supo Kittidejdamkern (left) were led away from Bangkok's Criminal Court yesterday after their sentences. Hudson was given a life sentence and his wife Nola Blake (background, left to Hudson) and Supo both received death sentences for heroin trafficking. (Reuter wirephoto)



A DRUNKEN British soccer fan lies among the flowers in front of the Dusseldorf railway station yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



A COUPLE of sparrows take advantage of a fountain to cool off and clean up in Madrid's Botanical Gardens as temperatures climbed in Madrid. (Reuter wirephoto)



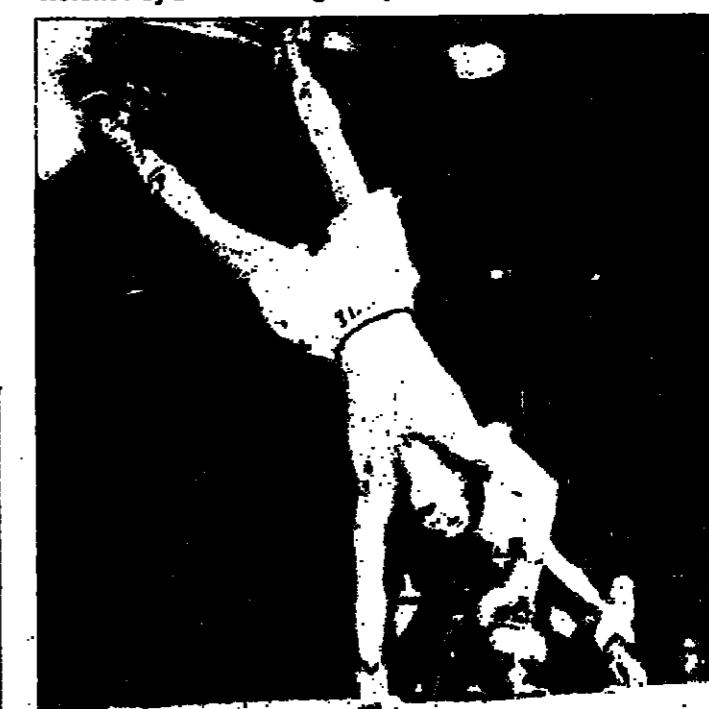
THE first day of the annual Royal Ascot race meeting, west of London, brought out large crowds in the hot sunny weather and a wide variety of decorative head wear on Tuesday. This composite of four pictures shows some of the ladies' hat fashions at the course. (Reuter wirephoto)



A WEST GERMAN policeman pulling a knife from a cigarette pack carried by this soccer fan prior to the England-Holland European Championship match yesterday. Dusseldorf has been hit with several nights of violence by British hooligans. (Reuter wirephoto)



GIANT panda Fei Fei amuses herself with a football during her stay at the zoo in Melbourne. Two giant pandas are on loan from China for Australia's bicentennial celebrations. (Reuter wirephoto)



AMERICAN welterweight Kenny Vice doing a victory cartwheel after knocking out South African Brian Baronet in the 10th round on Tuesday night. Baronet who is seen in the background lies unconscious. He is now fighting for his life in a Durban hospital. (Reuter wirephoto)

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SPORTS

W. INDIES HOPE TO HAVE MARSHALL FOR LORD'S MATCH

England try to concentrate on Test



Emburey: England's captain

LONDON, June 15. (Reuters): While England's cricketers try to forget the Mike Gatting rumpus and concentrate on the second Test starting tomorrow, Viv Richards leads West Indies into battle at Lord's in a mood of growing optimism.

England's successful rear-guard action on the last day of the first Test at Trent Bridge not only forced a draw but restored confidence and morale, which was promptly damaged by Gatting's dismissal as captain two days later.

Acted

Gatting was sacked after the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) decided he had acted irresponsibly in inviting a woman back to his hotel room during the first Test, and England's selectors appointed vice-captain John Emburey to lead the team in the second match of the five-Test series.

Emburey, who was Gatting's deputy for last two years, would not have wanted to fulfil his captaincy ambitions in such unfortunate circumstances, but having

done so, his leadership qualities immediately face a searching examination.

The Middlesex off-spinner, who will be on his home ground when he captains his country for the first time, seeks to bring his tactical awareness to bear as well as getting the best out of a side likely to show two changes.

Gatting, who asked not to be considered for the match, has been replaced by Yorkshire's Martyn Moxon. He is almost certain to play, together with fast-medium bowler Gladstone Small, who is recalled to a squad of 12 after a thigh injury.

Barbados-born Small recently proved his fitness with a career-best seven for 15 in a county championship game, and is expected to play at the expense of either fellow pacemen Paul Jarvis or Phillip DeFreitas.

West Indies' worries, which centred on a rib injury to Malcolm Marshall, were considerably eased by the news on Monday that he was confidently expected to be fit for Lord's.

The touring team's main strike

bowler originally suffered the injury while batting against Wasim Akram during the recent series against Pakistan in the Caribbean, and aggravated it at Trent Bridge.

He was able to bowl only five overs on the final day, but subsequently rested and made such a good recovery that he was scheduled to join his team's Lord's preparations a day earlier than anticipated.

Increased

With fast bowler Courtney Walsh finally striking form with his best tour figures of five for 49 against Northamptonshire on Sunday, West Indies have increased hopes of vindicating their captain's faith in them as the better team over a five-day contest.

Richards himself has reserved some of his most outstanding innings for Lord's, a ground that he acknowledges is an inspiration, and his compelling 80 in the opening Test suggested he may be in the mood to grace the season's showpiece with a majestic century.

Dilley took four for 45 in 17.1 overs as Hampshire tumbled to 210 all out on the final day of the three-day match. Worcestershire scored the 17 runs needed for victory without losing a wicket.

Followed

Former England opener Chris Smith saved Hampshire from an innings defeat with a fine 87, including 15 fours.

Worcestershire retained their position at the top of the championship table, followed by Kent, who defeated Middlesex by six wickets.

At Bath, Somerset V Warwickshire — match drawn. Surrey 179 in 74.3 overs and 291 for nine; Middlesex 179 in 80.1 overs and 242 (D. Smith 59). Leicestershire 255 for seven declared in 97 overs and 31 for 45. Gloucestershire 308 for five declared in 97 overs and 40 for 45 (W. Athey 47, K. Curran 40 not out). Derbyshire 214 points, Gloucestershire 24.

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W. German defender

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, June 15. (Reuter): West German central defender Guido Buchwald ruled himself out of the rest of the European Soccer Championship finals today.

Mark Hughes

BARCELONA, Spain, June 15. (Reuter): Barcelona soccer club said today they have sold Welsh striker Mark Hughes back to Manchester United.

Soviets lose

NAIROBI, June 15. (Reuter): Kenya 'A' beat the Soviet Union 4-2 (halftime 2-1) today in a five nations pre-Olympic hockey tournament.

Soviet tennis

EASTBOURNE, England, June 15. (AP): The Soviet Union's women tennis players officially were given professional status today in another sign of changes within the nation's sports system.

High jumpers

STOCKHOLM, June 15. (UPI): The world's two best high jumpers face a showdown in the Swedish capital on July 4 with West German Carlo Thranhardt promising to give his best friend Patrik Sjoberg of Sweden a match for the world record.

Ossie Ardiles

BLACKBURN, England, June 15. (UPI): Ossie Ardiles, one of the stars of Argentina's 1978 World Cup winning team, could rejoin English Second Division club Blackburn Rovers next season.

France win

POSADAS, Argentina, June 15. (Reuter): France, fielding most of the reserves in their 31-man squad, beat a combined Argentine Provinces XV 36-19 (16-9) in the fourth match of their rugby union tour of Argentina yesterday.

Uruguayan trainer

VALENCIA, Spain, June 15. (UPI): Uruguayan trainer Victor Esparrago Videla has signed as the new coach for First Division soccer side Valencia, club officials announced yesterday.

WBC champion

SYDNEY, Australia, June 15. (AP): World Boxing Council (WBC) featherweight champion Jeff Fenech said today he has resumed full training in preparation for his Aug. 12 defense against Tyrone Downes of Trinidad.

Magic of Life

ASCOT, England, June 15. (Reuter): English filly Magic of Life shocked the previously unbeaten French favourite Ravinella with a storming win in the Coronation Stakes on the second day of Royal Ascot today.

Ridden by Pat Eddery, Magic of Life belied her generous 16-1 starting price as she swept through from the back of the field in the straight to win the five-furlong group one race by two lengths from Inchmurrin, another English filly.

Ravinella, the 4-6 favourite and unbeaten in six races, failed to find her finishing burst and was a further four lengths back in third place.

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Al Hajri takes Jordan Rally lead

By Gail Seery
in Amman

ROTHMANS driver Saeed Al Hajri took a 24-second lead over long-time rival Mohammed Bin Sulayem at the end of the third special stage in the Rothmans Jordan Rally yesterday.

Disaster struck Welsh A-seeded driver David Llewellyn when his Audi Quattro A2 stopped with a puncture, just a few kilometres into the first stage.

Chasing

Spectators and pressmen, waiting on that particular stage, were surprised to see Bin Sulayem leading the cavalcade of drivers through the stage instead of Llewellyn, who was chasing him about thirty seconds behind. Llewellyn lost around thirty minutes on this stage, falling back to 10th place.

Al Hajri took the fastest stage time on the next stage and was experiencing no problems with his car. Bin Sulayem said that he was following his policy of not pushing too hard on the first night.

Traditionally the man who leads at the end of the first leg of the Jordan Rally still has a lot of

DUTCH SCORE 3-1 WIN IN SECOND MATCH**Van Basten hat-trick surprises England**

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, June 15. (AP): Marco van Basten scored all three goals as the Netherlands beat England 3-1 (0-0) at the European Soccer Championships today.

The loss virtually eliminated England from the tournament, but its small mathematical chance of staying alive depends on the outcome of the other Group 2 match later today between the Soviet Union and Ireland in Hanover.

England must hope for Ireland to beat both the Soviet Union and the Netherlands in the last match and would then still need a victory over the Soviets to clinch a place in the semifinals.

England held its own against the Dutch for most of the match and even came closer to scoring in the first half, when it hit the post twice.

Scored

But three sudden goals by Van Basten two passes coming from his AC Milan teammate Ruud Gullit, buried England.

Van Basten scored in the 43rd, 72nd and 75th, while captain Bryan Robson scored for England in the 53rd.

Van Basten became the first player to score a hat-trick in the championships and is the tournament's leading scorer.

Both teams desperately needed wins to stay alive after losing the opening match, and the game produced fast-moving action in front of both goals.

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Van Basten screams with delight after scoring his team's first goal. (Reuter wirephoto)



Netherlands' Frank Rijkaard (left) fights with England's Kenny Sansom (center) and Peter Beardsley for the ball. (Reuter wirephoto)

About 20,000 Dutch fans among the capacity 68,400 crowd celebrated the win. No trouble between the fans was seen at the stadium but police reported about a dozen arrests before the match.

Lineups:
England: Peter Shilton, Gary Stevens, Mark Wright, Tony Adams, Kenny Sansom, Trevor Steven (Chris Waddle, 68) Glenn Hoddle, Bryan Robson, John Barnes, Gary Lineker, Peter Beardsley (Mark Hateley, 72).

The Netherlands: Hans van Breukelen, Ronald Koeman, Berry van Aerle, Frank Rijkaard, Adrie van Tiggelen, Jan Wouters, Ruud Gullit, Arnold Muhren, Erwin Koeman, Gerald Vanenburg (Wim Kieft, 61), Marco van Basten (Wilbert Suurijn, 86).

Meanwhile in Britain, Members of Parliament and respected commentators called today for England's team to pull out of the European Soccer Championships because of the fan violence that has followed the squad to West Germany.

One leading columnist said the fighting, which has left hundreds jailed and dozens injured, had

made Britain look like "a zoo of dangerous animals" in the eyes of the world.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was due to meet with Colin Moynihan, Britain's Sports Minister, to discuss the problem following another night of street fighting, this time in Dusseldorf.

Moynihan, meanwhile, told the sport's ruling body in Europe that "disturbingly large numbers" of violent fans continued to follow English teams and were ready to spread trouble wherever they went.

Yesterday Moynihan refused to recommend in a report that English football clubs be allowed to return to European competitions.

"We should bring the England team home," said George Foukes, foreign affairs spokesman for the opposition Labour Party. "It is clearly more trouble than it is worth to allow them to continue in European competition."

Members of the majority Conservative Party also expressed concern, and Thatcher told the House of Commons that violence may mean that soccer would become a non-spectator sport in Britain.

The fighting was front-page news in all of Britain's dozen national newspapers, even the staid Financial Times.

Videotape reports of the fighting led television newscasts, and radio news programmes were filled with description of the clashes.

Several columnists echoed Foulkes' call for the team's withdrawal, including David Miller, chief sports correspondent for the Times of London and one of the most respected sports journalists in Europe.

"Football has come to the end of its credibility as a public event," Miller wrote. "Such a gesture (withdrawal) is the only possible way to save Britain's face in the eyes of the rest of the world."

Navratilova cruises to victory

EASTBOURNE, England, June 15. (UPI): Martina Navratilova advanced to the quarterfinals of the \$250,000 Eastbourne women's tennis tournament today with an ease that indicated her preparations for Wimbledon were right on target.

Second seed Pam Shriver was less fortunate. She withdrew before her third round match with Catarina Lindqvist because of groin strain.

Shriver lost a grass court tournament in Birmingham last week, falling in the final Sunday to Claudia Kohde-Kilsch.

But the non-stop schedule told on the West German also. She withdrew from Eastbourne today with an injured knee while trailing Soviet Larissa Savchenko 6-4, 4-4 in the third round.

Navratilova defeated 13th seed Raffaella Reggi of Italy 6-0, 6-2. With Shriver and defending champion Helena Sukova both out, Navratilova looked set to reach the final of the tournament that has become her talisman for Wimbledon.

All of her eight Wimbledon victories were preceded by appearances in the Eastbourne final, and the Czechoslovak-born American admitted she was already thinking about a record ninth Wimbledon triumph.

"I have eight titles, but I still want to win one more, or two more or three," she said.

"I have a chance to rewrite the record books."

Soviet Natalia Zvereva, who shot into the public consciousness and the world top 10 when she ousted Navratilova from the French Open, advanced to the quarterfinals with a 6-3, 7-5 victory over Australian Barbara Potter. She'll face Sweden's Caterina Lindqvist, who was to play Shriver.

Frenchwoman Pascale Paradis, who downed Sukova in the second round, also advanced, with 6-2, 6-3 victory over Ann Henricksson.

Italy overcome Spain

FRANKFURT, West Germany, June 15. (AP): Gianluca Viali conjured up a fine 75th-minute goal to give Italy a narrow but deserved 1-0 victory over Spain in the European Soccer Championship finals yesterday.

Chasing a long cross from the right, Viali brilliantly turned the defender challenging him in the penalty area. Spinning round and heading for goal, the Italian hit home a left-foot shot beyond the onrushing goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta.

The goal rewarded Viali for a hard-working performance which until then had founded on Spain's competent defence, and gave Italy a well-merited victory from a match they dominated.

Behind

But it also left both teams still chasing a place in the semifinals. With one preliminary group match remaining, Italy went second behind West Germany in Group One level on three points but behind on goal difference. Spain have two points and Denmark none.

Italy made almost all the running, with Spain — who would have been content with a draw — failing to find their finishing burst and was a further four lengths back in third place.

But jockey Gary Moore had no excuses for the French horse. "She was just not good enough. We were beaten on the day by a better filly," he said.

the 70th minute. It was Altobelli who stepped over the ball to allow Carlo Ancelotti's cross to reach Viali five minutes later and the deadlock was broken.

Caught out by their own tactics, Spain tried to get back on level terms in the last 15 minutes. But Zenga and the rest of the Italian defence were solid.

The defeat meant Spain have to beat West Germany on Friday to reach the semifinals, while Italy would go through by drawing with Denmark.

Italian defender Riccardo Ferri was booked for an off-the-ball foul on Spanish midfield star Michel, and Viali was lucky to escape the same fate for a charge on Victor.

"The result reflected the game," Spanish coach Miguel Munoz conceded. "We could only play as Italy allowed us to. The match against West Germany will be difficult."

Italian coach Azeglio Vicini enthused: "I have to praise my whole team — it was a strong performance and there was no luck involved."

"We sought out (the victory). we wanted it and we got it. Our team played a great game."

"Spain is a team in form and with a good defence but we created a lot of chances," he added.

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Straight

Immediately after the interval, Roberto Mancini was set clear by a mixup between two Spanish defenders, but shot straight at Zubizarreta.

He wasted another good chance in the 65th minute, by which time Jose Bakero and Emilio Butragueno had also squandered opportunities and a spectacular volley by Giuseppe Giannini from Giuseppe Bergomi's cross had gone just wide.

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Mecir makes early exit

WEST KIRBY, England, June 15. (Reuter): Top seed Miloslav Mecir crashed out of the Hoylake men's invitation tennis tournament in the second round today when he lost 6-3 6-4 to unseeded American Jim Pugh.

The Czechoslovak, who is seeded number nine at Wimbledon next week, did not look fully fit after recent injury. He pulled out of the French Open championships last month with back trouble.

His trouble started in the fourth game of the opening set when Pugh broke through and the American achieved the other vital break in the first game of the second set.

Before the start of the rally, David Llewellyn said that he was very much looking forward to his return to driving a Group B Audi. These supercars are banned from the European and World Championship events in which Llewellyn and his navigator Phil Short normally

compete.

Llewellyn did not have the opportunity to drive the car before the rally. He had just arrived in Amman and had minor problems in getting the car ready for the rally.

"I am looking forward to the first stage," Llewellyn said before the start of the rally. "I am sure that it will be very exciting. It will be a shock to be back with 100hp. And it will be a shock for Phil too — he'll have to read the pace notes a bit faster."

A marathon bridge session will be held tomorrow at the Sheraton Hotel at 3.00 pm.

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